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From the Superintendent

T. Elwood Long

Most of the *Evangel* readers are aware that I resigned as conference superintendent, effective December 31, 2000.

This was due to my appointment by the Falcon Children's Home Board, the General Church Executive Board, and the General Board of Administration of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church to serve as superintendent/administrator of the Falcon Children's Home, effective February 1, 2001. The retirement of Reverend Wiley Clark, superintendent of the home since January 1, 1988, will be effective January 31, 2001. Brother Clark and his wife, Jean, have certainly been faithful and effective in leading the home. Tremendous strides of progress have been accomplished in every facet of the work there. The Clarks will be missed by the staff and children. However, their home is in Falcon, so they and the residents of Falcon Children's Home will see each other often.

Sylvia and I look forward to our new role at Falcon Children's Home. We have enjoyed 27 years in the pastorate and eleven years, four months in the superintendency of the North Carolina Conference. We praise God for all the wonderful experiences, delightful friends, and temporal blessings of the years. We are enthusiastically anticipating our new charge of responsibility.

Bishop James D. Leggett presided over a special business session of the conference on Saturday, December 9, 2000. The purpose of the session was to fill vacancies created by a couple of circumstances.

Rev. D. Chris Thompson, who has served as assistant superintendent of the conference since 1994, is now the conference superintendent. This man is prepared in every way possible to serve in this office. He is a man of sterling character and is a dynamically anointed servant of God who has served and will serve the kingdom of God in the will of God. Along with many others in attendance, I sensed the Holy Spirit's approval upon him as Bishop Leggett charged him with his new responsibilities and prayed over him.

Pastor Jimmy Whitfield, The First Church, Goldsboro, was elected assistant superintendent. Brother Whitfield, a veteran of conference assignments and elections, is a gracious addition to the conference board.

Pastor Gary Strickland of Mt. Carmel in Fayetteville was elected to fill the conference board vacancy created by the resignation of Brother David Wheeler. Like Brother Whitfield, Brother Strickland is a competent, faithful servant who has been here before. He served in former years as conference Christian Education director, conference board member, and conference secretary-treasurer.

Chris Thompson, assistant superintendent, also served the conference as Evangelism director since 1986 and as World Missions director since 1990. The conference elected Reverend Danny Nelson to serve as Evangelism/Missions director. Mr. Nelson has served as pastor of Culbreth Memorial since September of 1986. He had also served as conference board member since 1994. In addition, Brother Nelson served as conference World Intercession Network director.

Youth pastor Charles Boyd of The Capital Church in Garner is now the elected Church Education Ministries director of the conference. Brother Boyd has served as assistant C.E.M. director for several years.

Pastor Dwight Dunning of Bizzell Grove Church, Princeton, is the newly elected assistant C.E.M. director of the conference and Associate Pastor Wiley Hughes of Mount Carmel in Fayetteville is the new board member/secretary-treasurer of the C.E.M. board.

All these men are A+ in my estimation. They are a great team of leaders who have served and will serve us well.

During the special conference session, Reverend D. Chris Thompson led the delegation in honoring the outgoing superintendent. He and other conference leaders spared no sacrifice of time and energy to honor Sylvia and me overwhelmingly. At the close of the business session, a reception celebration was held in our honor at the Cafeteria Training Center Dining Hall. All of it was simply overwhelming to us. We do, however, sincerely appreciate all the kindness of everyone involved.

Many changes have occurred among our churches and ministers in recent months. Some of them are as follows:

Pastor Changes

Highest Praise (Whiteville) – Lyndon Purifoy, Interim
Grifton – Jobie Elwood Heath
Maranatha – Richard Robinson
Micro – Shelton Whitman
Covenant Faith Fellowship (Apex) – Tommy Spikes
Smithfield – Wayne White
Calvary – Reid Sheppard
Faith (Edenton) – Danny Gurganus
Shiloh (Wilson) – David Wood
Trinity (Halifax) – L.B. Avery
Goose Creek – Don Zimmerman
Roanoke Rapids First – Frank Elliott

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CHURCH NEWS

SMYRNA PHC COMPLETES NEW SANCTUARY

The Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church was organized in response to a need for another Pentecostal church in the downeast area. There had been a vision of starting a new church in the Smyrna-Otway area for years. Miami North, a former nightclub, was rented and converted into a place of worship. Under the direction of the N.C. Conference, that vision became a reality on Wednesday, June 1, 1994, when the Smyrna Church was officially organized and Rev. Vance Harrell became the first pastor. That day was the beginning of a new month and the birthdate of a new Pentecostal Holiness congregation with 89 people present. The first Sunday, there were 128 people in attendance for Sunday school and 160 for the morning worship service. The attendance has remained steady, and church membership has continued to grow.

Realizing the need for a permanent place to worship, the church purchased the rental property and adjoining house and lot in October 1994. This gave the church 2½ acres of land, a house, and 11,000 square feet of buildings. Renovations were begun on the educational building and completed with classrooms, a large fellowship hall, and kitchen with commercial appliances in the 6,000-square-foot facility. Renovations were made to the parsonage by moving a small house from behind the church and attaching it to the present structure. This almost doubled the size of the house and, after it was refurbished, made a nice spacious 2,000-square-foot home for the pastoral family. Plans for construction of a new sanctuary were completed and the church had a clear vision of what would someday be built but decided to wait until the indebtedness could be reduced substantially. But due to the Miracle Sunday in March 1998, the church not only reduced the indebtedness but paid off the loan completely. Pledges and offerings were taken on that Sunday that eliminated the $160,000 debt.

Work was officially begun on the new sanctuary in January 1999 and has just been completed in September 2000. We now have a beautiful sanctuary with a seating capacity of 450 and a facility valued at almost $1 million with a total value of $1.5 million on all the property.

September 10, 2000, was a milestone day for the Smyrna Church as we dedicated the new sanctuary. It was truly miraculous as we watched the ushers bring out chairs to seat family and friends who came to celebrate with us. Bishop James Leggett brought an inspiring message to the 600 in attendance, and a special milestone offering and pledges were received of $61,000. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all in the fellowship hall with a singspiration at 2:00 featuring our local talent.

Renovation has already begun in the former sanctuary for a children's church room, offices, and restrooms. Next year, plans are to move the parsonage to a new location to give additional room for parking space.

Our congregation looks forward to the future with excitement and anticipation about what God is going to do.

To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Hath Done!

RETIREMENT OF PASTOR AND MRS. LOTIS (ESTHER) JOYNER

October 29 was "Lotis and Esther Day" at Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Church in Halifax.

The church congregation and former members and friends honored Rev. Lotis Joyner and his wife, Esther, on the occasion of his retirement after 45 years in the ministry.

Rev. & Mrs. Joyner

Brother Joyner is the only pastor to serve his congregation twice (a total of 12 years) under two different church names in the 50-year history of what is now Trinity. He first served from 1965 to 1969. He returned from late 1992 to the present.

The Sunday events began with morning worship at 10:30. Rev. T. Elwood Long, superintendent of the North Carolina Conference, was the guest speaker. Following the morning service, a covered dish luncheon was enjoyed in the banquet room at The Inn in Roanoke Rapids.

Brother and Sister Joyner are natives of Nash County, where they married on November 23, 1953. The ceremony was performed at Spring Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church by Rev. Wiley Vick and assisted by Rev. Kelly White.

The couple have three children, Starlette Hope, Lotis Eugene, and Kathy Ruth. They have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

During the first four years of their marriage, although Lotis was not yet a minister, both he and Esther used their talents in the Lord's service. Esther played the piano, and both sang during visits to nursing homes, shut-ins, and other areas to spread the gospel in the Rocky Mount area.

One young man in particular was 16-year-old Ronnie Carpenter of Rocky Mount, who played guitar and sang in a rock and roll band at the time. As Brother Joyner continued to witness to him, Ronnie turned his life over to Jesus Christ. Today the Rev. Ronnie Carpenter is serving as assistant general superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and is in charge of Mission Evangelism for the United States.

Brother Joyner pastored the following churches: Black Creek, Darlington, St. Matthew, Hopewell, Brentwood, Whiteville, Millenium, and Trinity.

Since Brother Joyner's retirement, they now live in Greenville.

GOSHEN PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Goshen PHC then...

...and now

On Sunday, November 5, 2000, the Goshen Pentecostal Holiness Church celebrated 100 years of ministry in the Suttontown community. Approximately 175 people shared in the celebration.

The church was organized in March 1900 with 20 members by renowned Methodist evangelists Rev. A.B. Crumpler and Rev. Gaston Caswell. The land was donated by Mr. G.W. Sutton, and the timber for the original building was donated by Mr. Jim Marshburn. The men of the church cut the trees, gathered the wood, and built an auditorium which measured 40 feet wide by 50 feet long. Many renovation projects have taken place over the years to bring the property to its existing state.

During the anniversary celebration, current pastor Rev. J. Stanley King gave a brief church history. A choir reunion filled the sanctuary with the sounds of praise and worship. The church enjoyed the return of many previous pastors and their families. Among those sharing memories from the past were Rev. Vernon K. Clark, Rev. Ralph Jernigan, Rev. Ezra Fann, Rev. Linwood Conner, Mrs. Emma Spencer Simpkins and daughter, Rev. Lou Spencer, Rev. Elton Lancaster, Mrs. Beverly Barts, Mrs. Ernestine Lambert, Rev. Charles Gentry, and Rev. Allen Mayo. Greetings were given by Rev. King from Rev. and Mrs. S.J. Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Weaver, and Rev. and Mrs. Bill Hooper, who were unable to attend.

Rev. T.E. Long, the N.C. Conference superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, was guest speaker for the occasion.

Immediately following the service, the congregation enjoyed a delicious meal served in the fellowship hall and hosted by the Women's Ministries. This was a special time to renew old acquaintances. A memorial display was available for viewing, including original deeds, old correspondence, and photographs. Everyone enjoyed a walk down "memory lane," celebrating the past while enjoying the present and looking forward to the future.

GOSHEN WINS FIRST PLACE IN CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Goshen Pentecostal Holiness Church entered a float depicting a country church and churchgoers. They won the first-place award in the homemade float competition at the annual Mount Olive Christmas Parade that was sponsored by the community of Sampson County.

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The following persons have superannuated and are not assigned presently

Lotis C. Joyner, November 1, 2000
William W. Wooten, October 1, 2000

Those receiving Local Church Minister's License were:

Johnnie R. Carson – Tarboro First
Phillip W. Terry – Millenium
James M. Norville – Carson Memorial
Amanda Kay Nieves – Harvest Fellowship

Richard Robinson was reinstated to ordination status. He earlier transferred to the Alpha Conference and then to the Church of God in Alabama. Welcome home, Brother Robinson and family.

J.T. Honeycutt, ordained, transferred from the Church of God, (Cleveland Tennessee Group). Mrs. Jay Linton has reverted from Conference Minister of Music License to Local Church Minister's License (Graceway, Washington).

Jonathan Dixon of The Bridgeton Church reverted from Conference Minister's License to Local Church Minister's License.

Jeffrey Britt and Anieta Biery have withdrawn from conference membership. Anita is suffering some physical problems and has moved from this area.

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Our Latin contingency continues to rapidly expand. I praise God for giving us the opportunity to "strengthen our stakes" and "lengthen our borders" in this regard.

Since July we have organized five Hispanic churches. They are:

Ebenezer, Sanford – Pastor Gabriel Rodriquez
Light and Salvation, Clinton – Pastor Jose Serrano
Stantonsburg Hispanic – Pastor Pablo Acevedo
Way to Heaven, Wilson – Pastor Macario Guerra
Micro Hispanic – Pastor Rafael Rodriquez

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Ten more "missions" are in the developing stages, waiting to be organized.

We have received the following Latino ministers since July:

Francisco Suero – Ordained
Naomi Suero – Ordained
Miquel de La Cruz – Ordained
Ruth Manriquez – Ordained
Juan Francisco Montes – Local Church Minister

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

Rev. Mrs. Daisy Morris . . . . . .January 2
Rev. Mrs. Ruth Heath . . . . . .January 5
Rev. Mrs. Virginia Bridgeman . .January 5
Rev. King White . . . . . .January 11
Rev. Buck Parnell . . . . . .January 16
Rev. Raleigh Horton . . . . . .January 22
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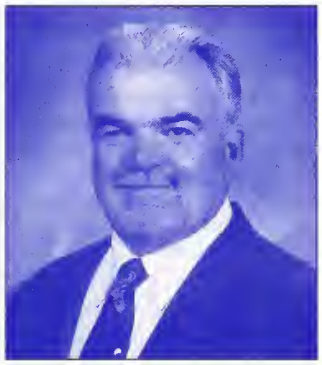

Ronnie Basden

Once we become Christians, we are truly the children of God. As children of God, we surely want to share with others the joy and peace that we have found in Christ.

Sometimes when people first receive Jesus, they excitedly go back to their workplaces and begin telling everyone they meet that he needs this wonderful, liberating change in his life too. These new converts are eager to see others come to Christ and experience the same joy they have found!

Sadly, there are some in our daily lives who do not want to hear the Gospel. Often they will begin to shy away from the new believer, afraid of getting "lectured" again. Understandably this reaction can cause new Christians to become discouraged.

Then there are some Christians who aren't discouraged about witnessing; they are just plain scared to witness to someone for fear of getting in a situation where they just don't know what to say or do. People don't even know these Christians are believers because they want to avoid any potentially conflicting situations.

Of course, it is a good idea always to avoid arguing over the Bible with a non-Christian. I believe the best, most effective way to witness to sinners is by the way you live!

We need to be walking, talking examples of Jesus' teachings come to life! If we live every day the way the Bible teaches that children of God should, the love and light of Jesus will shine unmistakingly from us.

Believers need to study the Word of God every day so that when we come in contact with someone who wants to know more about our Jesus, we can readily share our knowledge with him.

We need to go into this world daily, praising God inwardly and outwardly in such a way that it is obvious, though not offensive, that something about us is DIFFERENT! Christians, more than anyone else, should have a reason to smile and be positive!

Recently, I had the privilege, on my job, to lead someone to Christ, simply because of the life he had seen me live. He came to me and said, "I want what you have!" Praise God! We can be witnesses wherever we go if we truly love Jesus. We only have to live the Word, and others will want the same joy and peace they feel flowing out from us!

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LINES FROM LINDA...

It's the week after Christmas. The tree has been dismantled. Christmas stockings have been taken down. Lights are all neatly packed away. The crèche has been carefully placed back in the storage box. It's a brand new year. It is time now to put Christmas behind us and move on. Wait a minute! Is it really?

Sometimes, after the holidays, we experieince that "let down" feeling. We've hurried through the busy days and not taken full advantage of what the season really represents. We've participated in the church Christmas programs. We've partied and shopped. We've exchanged the gifts and spent time with the family. But somehow in the midst of it all, we've hurried right past the "Peace on earth" message which the angels sang.

Maybe now, in the lull of January, we can stop to reflect on the wonder of it all. God came to earth through His Son, Jesus. The Christmas manger was not the beginning. Nor was it the end! Throughout all the ages of time, God had a plan. His Son was with Him, yet He chose to release Him to the earth for a season. Through Jesus, God's plan for our salvation was fulfilled. He left the manger to grow up and minister to mankind. His earthly venture took Him to the Cross of Calvary. But His triumph over death and His ascension back to the Father in Heaven completes the story that started in Bethlehem. Because Jesus came, we can have peace.

During the past year we experienced some uneasy times in our home. My husband had never been sick. He has always been my pillar and strong arm. However, in 2000, he experienced several physical attacks. My faith was shaken. The human part of me felt very weak and inadequate. Yet, in spite of all that has happened, I have experienced the peace of God.

Many of you have shared similar accounts of sickness or hurt that you are experiencing. I have talked with my dear friend Dollie Davenport during this past year. She, too, has been through a tumultuous year with the sickness of husband, Hollon. Their year has been filled with radiation/chemo treatments. She has so lovingly and faithfully ministered to his every need. When we talk, I sense the weariness of her body, but I also hear in her voice the peace of God.

Another close friend has experienced the breakup of his home recently. After nearly 40 years of marriage, his wife walked away. Broken-hearted as he is, he has found the Lord to be his very present help. He shared with me a poem his father used to recite often that has helped sustain him in recent days.

When in the maddening maze of things,
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed trust my spirit clings,
I know that God is good.

Our lives are full of unexpected and unwelcome cares. Were it not for the Prince of Peace, whom God sent to the Bethlehem manger so long ago, we would be a miserable people. As He has helped us in ages past, He will be with us in the days to come. Let us not be too hasty in packing Christmas away. Oh, yes, it's right to pack up the tree, the lights, and such; but let's be sure to keep the Christ of Christmas with us every day of the new year.

CLINTON DISTRICT WM RALLY...

The Tyndall Grove Women's Ministries hosted the Clinton District ladies at the WM Rally on Thursday, November 9. Jackie Jones, Clinton District WM Director, gave welcoming remarks and Karen Sapp, Tyndall Grove WM Director, led in prayer. Praise choruses were sung by the congregation as Charlotte Sinclair led.

A skit was presented by several ladies from the district churches. The skit depicted two different WM meetings – one which was being held properly and one which was very disorganized. It was obvious to those who saw the presentation that a disorganized meeting is very unfruitful and not inviting.

The theme for the rally was "Reflections." NCWM Conference Director Linda Thomas gave a devotion emphasizing what our lives are reflecting. She read the fairy tale "Snow White" and related how we, like the wicked stepmother, could become vain. She challenged the ladies to reflect a Christlike spirit always.

Following the benediction, the ladies adjourned to the fellowship hall, which was beautifully decorated in reflective materials and mirrors. Delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

MISSIONETTES TRAINING IN FALCON...

Linda Riddle did a great job in presenting the Missionettes program to the ladies who attended the Missionettes Leadership Training in Falcon.

Wow! What a wonderful time we had. There was so much excitement in the air! The tables were all decked out with lots of new Missionettes items. Really colorful, too!

What? You don't know what I'm talking about? On October 28, 2000, Linda Riddle came to Falcon. Linda is the General IPHC Girls' Ministries Director from Oklahoma City. She brought lots of Missionettes materials and loads of information to share with us in her training session. New cassettes, posters, refrigerator magnets, coffee mugs...and just 'way too much to mention. Why, when we had breaks, we could shop like we were at the mall.

Meshelder Richardson got us off to a great start with her devotion on "Women With a Strategy." She shared from the book of Esther several strategy points as follows:

Strategy 1 – Go to the Lord.
Strategy 2 – Get the person's attention.
Strategy 3 – Help person achieve a receptive state of mind.
Strategy 4 – Give person the Word in manner she can receive it.
Strategy 5 – Celebrate the victory.

She likened those thoughts to the design of the Missionettes training program.

Meshelder Richardson shares devotional thoughts to get the Missionettes Leadership Training started.

It really was a great day. Thanks to all ladies who participated. There were 57 who took the training for initial Missionettes sponsor certification, and 52 were there for continuing education. The breakout sessions offered the continuing education ladies an opportunity to share in small groups designed for their particular clubs. Including guests, 114 ladies enjoyed a day of fun and learning. Not to mention the good food!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 27, 2001, for another day of learning and fun.

– Submitted by Sandra Britt, NC Girls' Ministries Director

NOTE: If you need information about Missionettes, please contact Sandra Britt at 910-594-1229.

CLARKS' FINALE AT HARVEST TRAIN...

The 2000 Harvest Train was bittersweet! Not that everything wasn't wonderful, as usual. It was. The weather was perfect. The program was fantastic. The crowd was awesome. But there was an air of sadness at the realization of this being the last Harvest Train under the direction of Rev. & Mrs. Wiley Clark. The Clarks have served the home so capably, but they are now ready to retire. So it was somewhat saddening to see Wiley sit onstage in the proverbial rocking chair, with Jean standing at his side and the children gathered around them, for the program finale. However, we know Falcon Children's Home will go on. The Clarks came to the home following others who had preceded them...the likes of Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Pope, Rev. & Mrs. Charles Bradshaw, Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Morris, and Rev. & Mrs. Clifton Turpin, who had carried on the work before them. Now the leadership of Falcon Children's Home will be under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. T.E. Long, and there is no question that our children will be in good hands.

Harvest Train 2000 brought people from all over the eastern United States to Falcon. They arrived bearing gifts of love for Falcon Children's Home. Commodities galore filled the warehouse, and over $350,000 in cash was reported as IPHC Women's Ministries Director Mary Belle Johnson introduced conference WM directors to announce their conference's contributions.

North Carolina Conference church families contributed $120,135.33 in cash and commodities valued at $51,710.27, making a total contribution of $171,845.60. The top three churches were Tarboro First, $16,528.23; Harker's Island, $11,000.00; and Greenville First, $10,500.00.

Guests attending this year's functions were not disappointed. The Gospel Tabernacle Choir did an outstanding job with the musical, *Experiencing God*, on the night before Harvest Train. The glory of the Lord truly filled the "Tabernacle" as a spirit of praise and worship emanated. The program by the children the next morning was spectacular. The "Coming Home" theme made the audience feel right at home in the setting as the program participants interacted with the congregation during their performance. Mr. Ben Minter is certainly to be commended on the magnificent job he has done for a number of years in producing and directing the Harvest Train programs.

Visitors ended the day by enjoying a feast of Eastern North Carolina barbecue and all the trimmings at Falcon Children's Home Activity Center. What a day! Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's Harvest Train.

Let's work really hard to make next year even better!!!

HAPPY HEARTS DELIVER CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS ...

Early on the morning of Monday, November 13, fifty-four Happy Hearts boarded a bus that would take them to New York. The purpose of the trip was to deliver over 700 Christmas stockings which the ladies had made for the Red Hook Pentecostal Holiness Church in Brooklyn, NY. The Red Hook congregation uses the stockings as a witnessing tool in their neighborhood, where thousands of children live in high-rise housing projects. After traveling all day Monday, the ladies arrived in East Bergen, NJ, where they spent Monday night. On Tuesday morning, they left the hotel early to get to the Red Hook Church in time for a 10 a.m. service. Rain was falling when the bus arrived at the church, but it did not dampen the spirits of either the Happy Hearts or the ladies of Red Hook Church. Rev. Donald Gray, pastor of the church, and his wife graciously welcomed the group. Pastor Gray led in a time of praise and worship and expressed appreciation for the contribution NCWM Happy Hearts make to the ministry of Red Hook Church. Following a season of prayer, everyone gathered in the fellowship hall for lunch. By this time, the stockings had been unloaded and safely stored in the church until time for the Christmas program, when they would be distributed to the children. Any stockings not used at that time would be used in street ministry to reach other children of the Red Hook community.

After lunch at Red Hook, the next stop was Radio City Music Hall, where Happy Hearts enjoyed *The Christmas Spectacular,* which ended with a most impressive live Nativity scene. From there, in the rain, 54 ladies from North Carolina emerged on the streets of New York City to find dinner on their own. Somehow everyone ended up together again at the Times Square Church at the corner of 7th and Broadway for the Tuesday night prayer meeting. The church is a former theatre, quite elaborate in decor, and will seat about 4000. Would you believe it was filled to capacity! Fortunately, Happy Hearts were special guests and had seats reserved at the front and center. Prior to the service, people gathered at the front of the stage area to pray. The choir sang under the anointing, and Rev. Dave Wilkerson shared thoughts. A guest minister from Canada delivered a powerful message challenging Christians not to be complacent in service for the Lord.

Wednesday morning the bus filled again with excited and happy women. The women's prayer meeting at Brooklyn Tabernacle Church was the first order of the day. Mrs. Evelyn Sanchez, BTC Director of Women's Ministries, warmly welcomed the group and led them into the chapel. The sanctuary was being set up for a choir taping session to be held that night, but arrangements were made for the women to visit the sanctuary. Praise and worship, a missionary's testimony, a message by Mrs. Sanchez, and a delicious lunch served by the ladies of BTC were enjoyed by all.

Janice Crawford, of Williamston First, and Janice Morris, of Holly Hill, wait in the rain as the bus unloads in front of Red Hook Church.

Off to the Statute of Liberty and Ellis Island! The wind was blowing cold at Battery Park as the ladies boarded the ferry. The short ride took them to the feet of Lady Liberty. Some were brave enough to make the climb up her, but others chose to browse in the gift shop or travel on to Ellis Island. Upon the return ferry ride, the bus met the ladies, and they headed for Macy's for a shopping spree. Some opted for a visit to the Empire State Building.

Not to miss out on the night life of New York City, a few of the ladies took limousine tours of the city. Eric Miller, the bus driver for the tour group, chaperoned the ladies on the night outings. Those who took the night tours had opportunity to visit the Plaza Hotel, Trump Tower, and other places of interest.

On Thursday morning, the bus headed south, back to North Carolina. But not without a stop at Potomac Mills for a brief shopping stint. It was after 7 p.m. when the bus made its stops in Rocky Mount and Williamston for 54 tired ladies to disembark. These ladies had spent four days together, seeing the sights, fellowshiping, and sharing in ministry with fellow Christian women.

Special thanks to Marjorie Teachey, who arranged the trip and served as tour mistress. She did an excellent job of both. Such a good job that most of the 54 ladies have already put their names on the list for the 2001 New York City trip. The old saying is certainly true in this case: "A good time was had by all."

Happy Hearts pose in the choir chancel of Brooklyn Tabernacle Church.

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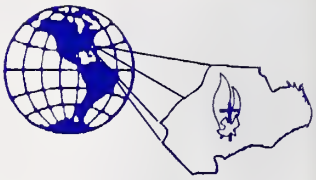
"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"



WORLD MISSIONS MEALS

The annual World Missions Meals are coming up at the end of January and first week of February.

All the restaurant locations have not been selected. The tentative dates are January 29–February 7. Final details will be mailed to pastors, ministers, and local missions directors.

Plans, goals, and promotional materials will be presented at the meals. In addition, the 7-Star certificates for 2000 will be awarded.

OVERSEAS MINISTRY TEAMS

Below is a list of the present overseas ministry trips planned for 2001. More and more teams are being formed to assist the missionaries in their work. Please enter these into your prayer books for 2001. Each of these trips requires special funds to be raised. For more information contact World Missions Ministries in Oklahoma City. Don and Brenda Clowers supervise these special overseas teams ministries.

UPCOMING TRIPS FOR TEAMS MINISTRIES

January 4-13 — Church construction in La Mesa, Panama, with team from North Carolina. Mike Simpson is the team leader. (#90416)

January 17-24 — Medical team to Honduras. Group leaders are Gary and Alesa Akerman, along with Dan and Brenda Clowers. (#90802)

January 28–February 10 — Church building and medical team from Vancouver, British Columbia, going to Chichicaste, Honduras. Group organizer Harry Mosley. (#90408)

February 1-? — Guyana – Wayne Knight is taking a team to Guyana –medical and construction.

February 7-17 — Cinco Esquinas, Costa Rica, for a church construction. Mike Simpson and Norman Pardue are team leaders. (#90405)

February 16–March 3 — (TWO TEAMS) – Heartland Conference in Cuba with two teams back to back. This is for a Construction project. Team leader is Dr. Frank Tunstall. (#90423)

February 22–March 2 — COPWOC will build in Georgetown, Guyana. (#68016)

March 2-7 — Medical team from COPWOC to Guyana.

March 9-19 — Brussels, Belgium, for evangelism, teaching, and remodeling. Kathy Sandlin and Dan Clowers are team leaders.

March 10-17 — National Youth Team to Peru. Kent McHugh is the team leader.

March 14-23 — Cornerstone conference from Greensboro, NC, to Guatemala City. Medical & construction

March 16-30 — (THREE TEAMS) Vancouver, BC, Christian School sending a youth team to work in Belize, another team to Panama, and another team to the Dominican Republic. We are working to help coordinate these teams with our works and missionaries.

March 23-30 — Church building team from Upper South Carolina going to Belize. Group organizer is Ron Moore. (#90424)

April 27–May 4 (or May 5-12) — Haiti Medical Team

April 7-14	Medical Clinic to La Isla Chira, Costa Rica. The team is from Lake City, SC, and the team leader is Elsie Lyon.
April 22-28	Mexicali, Mexico, church construction. Team leaders are Mike Simpson and Dan Clowers. (#90417)
May 15-25	Rivas, Nicaragua. Team from Northwood Temple. Team leader is Cecille Booth.
April 24–May 5	Medical Team to Haiti. Team leaders are Dan and Brenda Clowers working with Randy Webb. (#90801)
June 19-29	Medical Team from Northwood Temple in Nicaragua
July 6-16	National Youth Team to Belize. Richard Goad is the team leader.
July 21-28	Ministry/Work team to Costa Rica from Lake City, SC. Team leader is Elsie Lyons.

GROUPS IN THE MAKING
(No dates confirmed yet)

Estelí Nicaragua. Rev. Zane Causey from the Irving, Texas, church will be organizing this team. Date to be confirmed soon. (#90425)

Bob Cave has some teams scheduled for **Colombia and Guyana**. We can get these dates and confirmations later.

Cochran, GA, PHC working on a mission team. Jeff and Brenda Thomas are team leaders. Place and date to be confirmed.

Gospel Tabernacle, Dunn, NC, is working on a church construction project in **Costa Rica** to build a church in memory of the pioneer work of John and Edna Parker. Date to be confirmed.

Camden, SC, PHC working on putting together a construction team. Team leader is Casey Wayne Mills. Place and date to be confirmed.

Lancaster, SC, PHC is working on sending a team to **Guamuchil, Mexico,** to do finish work on a church that was constructed last year by a mission team. Tim Steels is the team leader. Date to be confirmed.

NUEVA JERUSALEM PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

Recently the Nueva Jerusalem (New Jerusalem) Church was able to purchase their first building. Pastor Luis Manriquez and his fine congregation are very excited about this purchase and the resulting possibilities of expansion.

Nueva Jerusalem was birthed in the fellowship hall of the Evangel Church, Fuquay Varina. Evangel is to be commended for their faithfulness in supporting Pastor Manriquez in his efforts to establish the Hispanic congregation. The time has come for them to have their own place.

The building was purchased at the cost of $200,000. The Raleigh District churches, the Evangel Church, and the Conference Evangelism Ministries helped the church with the down payment. In addition, Nueva Jerusalem was able to save several thousand dollars toward the purchase. They were also able to secure a loan with the Conference Ministerial and Church Extension Loan Fund.

The church is located off Hwy 50 at McGhees Crossroads. It has been owned by the Friendly Chapel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. They were able to relocate and build a larger church.

May the Lord richly bless Nueva Jerusalem and give them many new souls to worship in their new building.

Nueva Jerusalem Pentecostal Holiness Church

REV. RALPH LEGGETT APPOINTED EVANGELIST

Rev. Ralph Leggett

Rev. Ralph Leggett of Williamston has been appointed by the Evangelism board as a conference evangelist. This raises the number of conference evangelists to three. The other two are Paul C. Jackson of Greenville, and Terry Whittenton of Dunn.

Brother Leggett began his preaching ministry as a mission worker in 1968. He was ordained in 1976. He has been very active through the years in evangelizing as he pastored. He has effectively pastored these churches – Bailey, Stedman, Snow Hill, Roper, Tarboro, and Shiloh.

Ralph's faithful companion through the years has been Vadie Modlin Leggett. They have three children – Timothy, Tammy, and Tracy. Presently they are making their home in Williamston.

Ralph Leggett is an excellent preacher of the Word. The Lord has always greatly blessed in his revivals. He will be a blessing to the churches. In addition to the revivals, he is also available for fill-in work. Pastors, give him a call. He is presently filling his schedule for 2001.

Brother Leggett may be reached at the following: 128 East Pine Street, Williamston, NC 27892 or 252-792-0829.

Charles Boyd
Church
Education
Ministries
Director

Jeff Oglesby
National Sunday School Teacher of the Year

Pictured left to right, Rev. Paul Howell, Jeff Oglesby, and Sheila Oglesby

Mr. Jeff Oglesby was awarded "National Karl Bunkley Sunday School Teacher of the Year." Jeff is a member of the Saint John Pentecostal Holiness Church. This award honors a teacher of the year on all levels who has attained or exceeded the standard of excellence in Sunday school set forth by Church Education Ministries. It also honors Karl Bunkley, a hero of Sunday school in the IPHC.

The testimonials written about Jeff for his conference nomination, showed this an able man and apt to teach the Word. He genuinely cares about people; he gives of his time and himself for them; and his life has had a profound effect on those among whom he serves.

Jeff is always prepared to teach, and he uses creative teaching techniques to get the message across. He is always present and ready to learn whenever there is a conference-sponsored improvement or enrichment opportunity. He constantly seeks out new ideas and new ways to make the Word of God interesting and to make it come alive for people in the real world. He has proven himself apt to teach.

He cares about the people he serves. It is said of him that he and his family go the extra mile, visiting those who are sick or shut in – not only among his students, but others in the church. He is a compassionate person who is always quick with a word of encouragement or sympathy. He is known for his love of others.

Jeff has affected lives in ways that only eternity will reveal. There are many stories of people who have either come to the Lord or been strengthened in their faith because of Jeff Oglesby. He typifies the Person of Jesus Christ in his relationships with others, and continually lets the Lord shine out of him to those in need.

Church Education Ministries

Upcoming Events

2001 District Talent Showcases:

February 16: Lumberton & Raleigh
February 17: Fayetteville & Goldsboro/Wilson
February 23: Willlamston & Rocky Mount
February 24: Clinton & Greenville/Morehead City/New Bern/Wilmington
Ranger of the Year March 16 & 17, 2001

CEM Conference Training Event

March 9 & 10, 2001

Friday Night – Monster Youth Rally
Speaker: Rev. Steve Ely, National Youth Director of IPHC

Saturday Workshop Topics

"Transitions – Ministry in the New Millennium" – Ron White
"Using the Internet in Ministry" – Joe Iaquanta
"Understanding Generation X" – Steve Ely
Royal Rangers and Missionettes Training will also be offered.

Conference Missions Trip – Raleigh, NC

July 8-14, 2001

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Housing Accommodations - The Capital Church Campus

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"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

John 15:12

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

I look forward to serving the Lord as superintendent of the North Carolina Conference. There certainly are many emotions and feelings that fill my heart. There is a deep sense of need and utter dependence on the Lord. It is His church. We are His people. Without Him we can do nothing!

On Monday of this week, January 1, my first day, my heart and mind were overwhelmed with the task ahead. We were entering a new year, a new decade, a new century, and the last "earthly" millennium. The thoughts and burden were heavy, to say the least. I drove up to the Octagon Tabernacle, where it all began for the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and spent some time before the Lord in intercession and meditation. Needless to say, when one gets before the Lord, all perspectives change. The Lord promised His anointing, His strength, and His directions. What more could a Christian leader ask for?

There is not time here, but several verses of scripture have meant much to me in the last few days. Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." Space will not allow, but these verses are important as well: Proverbs 27:23-27, 1 Chronicles 28:20, Job 11:13-19.

I thank the Lord for the history and heritage of this conference. I am deeply aware and appreciative of those who have labored before me. Their legacy and advice will certainly be a present blessing. Superintendent Elwood Long has been a great blessing in this time of transition.

The Lord has given me a very special family. Betty has been my "first lady" now for nearly 27 years. With her love for the Lord and for people, she will do well in assisting me in all my duties and leading the Ministers' Wives Fellowship. As the conference gets to know her better, she will be appreciated as I appreciate her. The remainder of our household and our sons continue to be a blessing. Mom is an instant prayer warrior. Betty and I praise the Lord that all three of our boys are involved in church work. Jonathan – musician and Royal Ranger instructor, David – musician and teacher, and Nathan – cell group leader and youth work.

The conference elected two new members to the N.C. conference board. The are Rev. Jimmy Whitfield, assistant superintendent, and Rev. Gary Strickland, board member. These are very valuable men to the Kingdom and the North Carolina Conference.

The Lord has blessed the conference with an excellent ministry leadership team. Pastor Jimmy Whitfield will make an excellent assistant superintendent as his record has already proved.

Jimmy and I have worked well together in the past. It will be my personal joy to work closely with him. Pastor Gary Strickland has served on the board before. He brings back to the board his gifts in church education, stewardship, pastoring, and his keen insight and love for people. It is a pleasure to have these two men of God back on the board.

Brother Roland Harrell will continue as the conference stewardship officer and secretary-treasurer. He, along with newly-elected Evangelism/World Missions director Danny Nelson and Church Education Ministries director Charles Boyd, will comprise the conference teaching team. These men will exercise their duties with integrity and diligence. They have been chosen by the conference. They will do an excellent job. It will be a joy to work with them.

The other conference board members – Elton Bryan and Bobby Williams – will continue to serve. These men have been and are excellent board members. I look forward to their continued help and advice in fulfilling the mission of the North Carolina Conference.

The conference on December 9 honored Superintendent Long for over eleven years of excellent leadership. A special salute to him is included in this issue. Our prayers and love go with him as he will be the superintendent of Falcon Children's Home on February 1.

The conference also elected Pastor Dwight Dunning as the assistant C. E. director and Rev. Wiley Hughes as C. E. board member. C. E. board member Oris Hubbard has become the secretary-treasurer of the conference C. E. Ministries. These men, along with the other C. E. board members, will face the challenge well in assisting Director Charles Boyd in leading the conference Church Education Ministries forward.

Rose Nelson will continue as my secretary. Joyce Swinson will work closely with Brother Nelson as the Evangelism/World Missions secretary. Dolores Reynolds, Kay Glover, and Gina Page will keep their present duties. The Lord has blessed the conference with an excellent secretarial pool. They are ready and able to fulfill their designated duties.

May the Lord bless each of us as we minister in His name.

Superintendent Thompson
Prayer of Dedication

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Reverend T. Elwood Long

Life Facts

- Born January 1, 1941 - First baby to be born in Wilson County in 1941.
- Age 16 - Saved and became a member of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Rocky Mount (now Living Faith Fellowship). Became engaged to Sylvia Blaylock. Began to preach the gospel.

Educational Pursuits

- Graduated from Rocky Mount Senior High School in 1959. Attended Holmes Bible College, Greenville, South Carolina. Received the Master of Ministry Degree from Southwestern College, Oklahoma City. Also attended Emmanuel College TEE classes and many other hospital chaplain classes, etc.
- **Received Mission Workers License in 1959.**
- **Local Minister's License earned in 1960.**
- **Ordained in August, 1963 at Falcon.**
- Began pastoral ministry by assisting Pastor Alvah Watson at Robersonville and Rehoboth churches in 1961.

Pastored these churches:

- Weldon – 1962-1964
- Gum Chapel – 1964-1968 (Now Harvest Temple)
- New Bern First – 1968-1974
- Lumberton First – 1974-1978
- Shiloh (Wilson) – 1978-1988
- Mount Carmel – 1988-1989

Conference Boards

Evangelism Board
Ministerial Examining Committee
NC Conference Board 1982-1986
Assistant Superintendent 1986-1989
Conference World Missions Director 1982-1990
Superintendent August, 1989 - December, 2000

National Church Boards

- National Church Boards
- World Missions 1985-1989, 1993-2001
- Planning and Budget Committee 1989-1993
- Falcon Children's Home Board 1989-2001 (chairman for 7 years)
- General Board of Administration for 11 years

Superintendent Facts

- The number of total churches in the Conference have increased from 164 to 197, a net gain of 33 churches.
- The church membership of the Conference has increased from 18,500+ to 25,750+. This is a gain of 7,200 which is 28% of the present total.
- The average morning church worship attendance has increased from over 13,000 to over 17,700. This is an increase of 4,700 or 36% increase.
- More than 200 new clergy have joined the Conference. This is more than any other superintendent in the N. C. Conference history. This is 41% of the present clergy of the Conference.

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Superintendent Long, continued from page 3

- The Women's Ministry enrollment has increased from over 2,600 to over 3,300. The Feast of Ingathering has increased from over $46,000 to over $84,900.
- The Ministerial and Church Extension Loan Fund Deposits increased from over $3,389,048 to $6,672,698.
- The Superannaute Fund has increased from $1,803,592 to $3,238,089. The service year payment increased from $8.00 per year to $10.50 per service year.
- A Conference Library of over 13,000 volumes has been established.
- A Conference Cafeteria/Training Center has been built at a cost of over $825,000.
- The School Building Dormitory has been refurbished at a current cost of approximately $225,000.
- The Octagon Tabernacle was also refurbished. The Church Education Ministries Home was remodeled as a dormitory/guest house.
- World Missions contributions increased from $377,988 in 1989 to $1,300,000 in 2000.
- Celebrated 100th year of Falcon Camp Meeting.
- Three homes have been placed in operation as homes for missionaries.
- J. A. Culbreth Memorial Auditorium was renovated.

N E W S

CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTIAN WORKER'S INSTITUTE
February 26-28, 2001

The 2001 Christian Worker's Institute this year will be used to introduce some fantastic new ministry material for the next decade. The material is called Reach 3 Plant 3. It will also be a time when the ministry leaders at the Conference Office will do some vision casting. Of course, it will continue to be a time for worship and personal growth in the Lord.

Scheduled Speakers

Monday, February 26

7:30 p.m. . . . .Superintendent Thompson

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 a.m. . . . . .Devotion
Jimmy Whitfield

9:30 a.m. . . . . .Reach 3
Jack Kelley

10:30 a.m. . . . . .Break

11:00 a.m. . . . .Church Planting at Home
Danny Nelson

2:00 p.m. .Ministers! Prepare for the Future
Roland Harrell

3:00 p.m. . . . . .Break

3:30 p.m. . . . . .Lighthouse of Prayer
Lydia Figueroa

7:30 p.m. . . . .Superintendent Thompson

Wednesday, February 28

9:00 a.m. . . . . .Devotion
Charles Boyd

9:30 a.m. . . .Church Planting in Missions
Danny Nelson

10:30 a.m. . . . . .Break

11:00 a.m. . . . . .Prepare for the Future
Roland Harrell

12:00 Noon . . .Commissioning Service & Dedication of New Dorm

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Rev. Harold Turpin . . . . . .February 1

Rev. W. H. Lewis . . . . . .February 7

Rev. Hildred Potter . . . . . .February 8

Rev. Luetta Morris . . . . . .February 10

Rev. Clayton Guthrie . . . . . .February 15

Rev. Tim Henry . . . . . .February 26

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

SPOTLIGHT ON MEN

Ronnie Basden

Another year has come and gone. A lot of things took place in the year 2000, but I think one of the most exciting things that happened was the Men's Ministries Fall Advance. We started out on Friday morning with a golf tournament. By the end of the day, we found out that some played great and some not so great, but that everybody had the time of his life. After the golf tournament almost everyone stopped by Ernie's, in Dunn, and chowed down, and on Friday night we all met at Falcon for the Advance. We began with our Royal Rangers taking care of opening ceremonies by presenting the flags...by their color guard. The weekend continued with great speakers, teachers and leaders. There was a great time of fellowship and a wonderful time of prayer. We gathered our pastors together and lifted them up before the Lord. We took time to pray one for another and men's lives were changed and God moved in our presence.

The only sad thing about the Fall Advance is that there were so many men who were not there. Don't allow yourself to be left out of this great event in the year 2001. We are beginning to make plans now for September 14-15, 2001. Please begin to make plans now to attend. Make sure you bring your pastor with you. I promise you that you will not return home the same. We have some great speakers lined up for this event. They are Reverend Jimmy Forehand, Reverend Noah Barefoot, Jr., and Reverend Brian Rogers. Maybe it is time we ask God to enlarge our territory. If we would only pray a prayer like this and really mean it, "O God and King, please expand my opportunities and my impact in such a way that I touch more lives for your glory. Let me do more for you." When we pray like this, things can get exciting. Let us pray for great things to happen.

"Why Men Should Pray"

By Ray H Hughes, Jr. (LifeBuilders)

We have often heard it said that prayer is the key to heaven. I'm not sure about the theology of the statement, but I do know that prayer is vital to maintaining the Christian walk In fact, prayer brings at least three things to your life – God's power, presence, and purpose.

Now is the time for us to use the means God has given us to combat the forces of evil. There is no more powerful weapon than prayer. Only as Christians pray will we see God move. In James 5:16 the Bible says, ***"The earnest (heart-felt, continued) prayers of a righteous man makes tremendous power available – dynamic in its working" (AMP).***

The Bible states in James 4:8, ***"Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you" (KJV).*** *Once we begin to pray and commune with God regularly, we move closer to Him. He then moves in to occupy our lives. We, in turn, begin to feel His presence in our lives.*

When we reach the place with God where we experience His power and presence, we are then ready for His purpose to unfold and can be involved in serving God. We are to become lights in a dark world of sin. The Bible says, ***"Let our lights shine before men, that they will see our good works, and glorify our Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).*** *A major part of this purpose is to pray and intercede for others.*

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

- *March 2-3 - Disaster Relief Training Workshop, Camp Robinson, SC*
- *April 14 - Resurrection Breakfast*
- *June10 - Laymen's Sunday*
- *August 6 - Men's Ministries General Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio*
- *September 14-15 - Men's Ministries Fall Advance*
- *October 7 - Pastor Appreciation*
- *October 12-13 - National Conference on Ministry to Men, Atlanta, Georgia*

"Men's Ministries . .. A Disciple-Making Ministry To Men In Every Church"

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference Director
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"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

Each February, the arrival of Valentine's Day, causes us to focus attention on that special four letter word...LOVE. To be truly loved is one of the greatest blessings of life, yet so many of us take it for granted.

I was born into a family who loved and nurtured me. From early remembrances, I can still see in my mind's eye the twinkle in my Daddy's bright blue eyes as he took pride in the cute little things his little girl did. Moma found great joy in dressing me in pretty little home-sewn dresses (with matching hair bows) which she and my grandmother had made for me. She spent much time with me and taught me valuable lessons of life. My two older brothers, Jimmie and Curtis, spoiled me to no end...at least that is what they say! I never remember feeling unwanted or unloved as a child. Even after my sister, Peggie, was born when I was five years old, I still felt special in our family. Then three years later, twins came...Oral Dean and Gloria Jean. Even then, with a house full of children, there was still plenty of love to go around. Today, Moma and Daddy are no longer here with us. Our family has expanded to include in-laws, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Yet, still today, we are a very close-knit family with much love for each other.

What a difference you've made in my life!

However, sad to say, this is the not the case with many children in our world today. We don't have to look very far to find those who are being born into homes where they are not wanted and not loved. They are cursed at and abused. They are left to fend for themselves. They are pushed aside for the sake of Mom and Dad's pleasures or pursuits. Sad to say, so many children have no sense of family. They are left to whoever will help them.

Being born into a loving family and having married a very loving and caring man, it was only a few years ago that I truly realized the magnitude of this problem. I guess I had never been closely exposed to such until I began working in the schools. I remember my mother's saying: "If only the covers could be turned back and the world could see what is going on." Through the blatant honesty of children, the covers were turned back for me. The things that some of them have shared with me are almost more than I can comprehend. It saddened me deeply when a young girl asked me how she could help her mother get off drugs. To think that child was struggling under such circumstances broke my heart. Time and time again, I saw rebellious children acting out in frustration. In most instances, these were children who felt unloved and not valued.

How blessed I have been to be able to befriend some of these children. How wonderful it is to see teachers show special interest in these young people and love them in spite of their rebellious ways. It is great to see volunteers go into the school to work one-on-one with these boys and girls, proving to them that they are important to somebody.

In this Valentine month, maybe you can find someone who needs to be loved. Perhaps it is that one in the nursing home who has been neglected by family. It may be a lonely widow or widower just needing a helping hand. Perhaps a single parent needs your friendship. It may be your grandchild whose parents are in the fast lane of life and not realizing their most important assignment of the day is the rearing of their child. It could be your own child! Have you thought about it lately? Is he or she a true priority in your life?

People who feel unloved are all around us. We can make a difference! Let our love be without dissimulation. Let it be genuine and sure. Let it not be conditional. Because God loves us, we are free to love others. Let's take advantage of this LOVE MONTH!!

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" John 15:12.

IN LOVING MEMORY...

"Gathering home, Gathering home, Never to sorrow more, never to roam; Gathering home, Gathering home, Gods children are gathering home"

Janice Newsome Turpin

On December 21, 2000, **JANICE NEWSOME TURPIN** left us to be with the Lord.

I first met Janice Turpin when I was thirteen years old. Her husband, Rev. C. L. Turpin, was assigned to Holly Hill Church as pastor. They were like a breath of fresh air to this little country church congregation. He was a dynamic pastor and preacher, and she was his greatest supporter. Playing piano and singing duets with him, teaching Sunday school, leading youth meetings...filling her role so gracefully, she rapidly gained my respect. I remember at some point during their pastorate that she also taught school (another star in her crown as far as I was concerned). Mrs. Turpin was a beautiful lady, not only physically but in her personality and demeanor. She was intelligent and talented, and was willing to invest time in my life. She won my heart and became a true role model to me.

After the Turpins moved from our church, Rev. Turpin served as N.C. Conference Christian Education Director. Again Mrs. Turpin was at his side promoting and enhancing his ministry. She served on conference level as secretary-treasurer to the Lifeliners Department. She also served as N.C. Conference Women's Auxiliary secretary-treasurer. Eventually, her husband was elected to the position of Lifeliners director for the general P. H. church. Mrs. Turpin again was found deeply involved...writing Sunday school literature and youth materials. Her love for children and young people was always evident in her work.

In 1977 the Turpins returned to Falcon when Rev. Turpin was appointed superintendent of Falcon Children's Home. Mrs.

Turpin was again the faithful assistant and became a second mother to many children during the eleven years they served there. She also took on the responsibility of archivist as she created the pictorial and written history of campus activities. She traveled with her husband and the children to promote the ministry of the home. She was a most self-sacrificing woman, caring for the needs of others above the needs of herself.

During all the years between 1955 and 2000, she remained a true friend to me, lending her support in many ways. Somewhere during those years, she became Janice to me instead of Mrs. Turpin. When Joe and I married, she and her husband were involved in our wedding activities. Through the years we shared family happenings and kept in close contact. The hours spent together through the joys and sorrows, the good times and the bad times, were precious to me. I was privileged to be her friend.

When her husband died, a part of Janice went with him; but on December 21, 2000, Janice's body gave way to her spirit; and she joined C. L. in the ranks of Heaven. She has left behind her much-loved sons, Cliff and Steve. She has left behind Jo, her daughter-in-law, whom she treated like a true daughter. She has left behind Brittany and Cliffy, her beautiful grandchildren whom she adored. She left behind her brother, Jimmy, and her mother, Mrs. Annabelle Newsome Cates. And...she left behind many people, such as me, whose lives she helped to mold. Her body was placed beside that of her loved one in the Falcon Cemetery. It is fitting that her remains be placed there among many of the other heroes and heroines of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, for only eternity will reveal the value of the ministry of Clifton and Janice Turpin.

– Linda M. Thomas

THOUGHTS ON WIDOWHOOD

EDITOR'S Note: The following article is used by permission of Ms. Estelle H. Cymbala. When Happy Hearts visited Brooklyn Tabernacle in November 2000, I was privileged to meet Pastor Jim Cymbala's mother, Estelle, who shared her experience of the recent loss of her husband with me. She gave me this writing and asked me to use it to bless other women who are in this season of life. I share it with you. LT

A widow's life is not all sadness. Rising out of the depth of loss can be a new growth. While the grieving continues, this possibility seems remote. A widow who has spent her life bending to the personality of a partner can now explore her own likes and dislikes. She is freer to develop her life with God. She is freer to strengthen friendships with her children and with others outside the family. She may be freer from responsibilities, freer to travel, freer to try new activities, give to friendships and Bible study. Some widows will volunteer for challenging new jobs. We must be role models for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. If we aren't, they won't know how to be productive during their golden years. We must make the world understand that active, meaningful, productive life does not necessarily end or even wane at 50, 60, 70 or 80. We must be communicators of the good news that God has given us extra years on this planet.

Thanks be to God for family relationships that grow stronger. We really are in this together, from birth to death. It is good that we learn to bear each other's burdens – that the young care for the old and old for the young according to their different capacities. As love gives us the power to suffer long, love also gives us the power to see reasons for rejoicing while we suffer. Love is stronger than death. What belongs to God will never get lost, not even our mortal bodies. We must also let our faith be stronger than our skepticism.

Those who have suffered most are often able to comfort others best. God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters. We store happy memories as well as sad memories. Perhaps some bitter ones too. We remember angry words and hurt feelings. God cancels them out. He can't remember them any more! As we get older, we can get careless about our spiritual housekeeping. Emotional trash can collect. This is a good day to confess it, make amends, and enjoy life free from ugly clutter.

As we grow older, we can continue to contribute to the life of the world around us. The grace of giving – it doesn't come easy. However, you can grow in this grace of giving as your years increase because, as He gave, we too must give! The faith we choose to live by is the one that affects our aging and the one by which we will die, since aging and dying are a part of life. Physical age is no sure indicator of spiritual maturity.

Facing life, facing death, we need each other. You need someone and someone needs you. To make this thing called life work we have to lean and support, relate and respond, give and take, confess and forgive, reach out and embrace, release and rely. Especially in God's family...a symbol of hope in the midst of a world of death and suffering. So consider the cross. The cross stands for hope that is for real. We have to fight a good fight by acceptance, attitude and action. Remember Jesus when he died. Remember Jesus when times got hard, when people didn't listen. Remember Jesus when tears come. Remember Jesus when death looms. Remember Jesus when anger singes. Remember Jesus when shame weighs heavily. Before you remember anything else, remember Him. If you forget anything, don't forget Him. God's Word is for teaching, rebuking, correcting, for training us in righteousness – how to keep us right.

Please do not forget that God has decided to let you live this long. Your old age is no mistake – nor an oversight – nor an afterthought. Let's all serve the Lord with gladness. Even in our widowhood!

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

We express our deepest love and heartfelt sympathy to **MRS. DOLLIE DAVENPORT** at the passing of her beloved husband, Hollon, who went to be with the Lord on December 31, 2000.

Many will remember Hollon as a faithful Christian servant who faithfully supported Dollie's work with Women's Ministries as she served both on conference level and general level. Dollie was Women's Auxiliary president for the North Carolina Conference and also served as General Women's Ministries president. You may send Dollie a note of love at her address: 308 Westview Drive, Fayetteville NC 28303-5313.

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March 11, 2001

Women's Ministries Founders Day

Celebrate the Mission

As you observe annual WM Founders Day in your local church, please receive an offering for the support of IPHC General Women's Ministries. Send it to Conference WM Secretary-Treasurer for forwarding. This support is much needed.

THANK YOU!

Reaching for the Invisible God: What can we expect to find?

By Philip Yancey
Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company
301 pages

Coming closer to God continues to be the real quest for committed Christians worldwide. Intimacy with God coupled with transparency of character makes one strong in the Lord. But the climb to such a high, spiritual mountain never has been easy, and the higher one goes, the more difficult it becomes until, at last, the strings of the world no longer pull at you as they once did, and you begin to concentrate on nothing but that which is more important to you than anything in the whole wide world, that close relationship with God. The Apostle Paul longed for the King eternal, immortal and invisible God, to know the Author behind the written Word and the One who created the world. The challenge to experience honest and authentic intimacy with the God you cannot see is the intent of award-winning author Philip Yancey in this publication.

Reaching for the Invisible God identifies six foundational truths for such a quest: [1] our thirst for God, [2] faith during times when God seems unavailable, [3] the nature of God himself, [4] our personal relationship with God, [5] stages along the way, and [6] the end goal of spiritual transformation. We begin by confessing sin, removing hindrances, purifying our lives (flesh and spirit), and waiting patiently in solitude and silence. The rest is determined by God alone. He sets the terms and governs the method to obtain His presence.

The author does a splendid job of being perfectly candid about pursuing God. In the laboratory of life, one encounters many struggles and hardships. The world is not the Garden of Eden, where every day has a cool time in which God walks and talks with us. Sometimes when we hurt and grieve, God appears to be silent and distant. What then? A thousand erroneous thoughts can creep into our minds. If we fail to cling to Bible principles, Satan will place wrong thoughts about God and offer demonic explanations of the adverse or troubling events that surround our lives. Order just may not be the rule of the day for those who seek God. Faith, tested by the real events of life, such as cancer, the loss of a child, or an unexplained accident that leaves a loved one permanently disabled, involves much dynamic tension. God is good, but bad things happen to His good children. Life is difficult. Being human can be hazardous to your health!

Yancey advocates that knowing God involves allowing Jesus Christ to become the focal point of one's faith. We learn to trust God with our doubts and struggles by getting to know Jesus. By looking at Jesus, we gain insight into how God feels about what goes on down here.

Reading this book will do at least two things to the reader. First of all, it reveals the struggle all believers go through to know God in part. We are not alone. Second, the book shows that knowing the invisible God is a spiritual journey with many turns, valleys and mountains. It offers hope to the Christian to press on in knowing the God of the resurrection. The world is good. The world is fallen. The world can be redeemed. MLD

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis

Left Behind: A Novel of Earth's Last Days

By Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins
Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1995
342 pages

LaHaye and Jenkins have enriched their financial coffers through the *Left Behind* series, boasting more than 20 million copies sold – and I might add, in a relatively short time. What they have done is stir the minds of Americans that the coming of judgment is a very real possibility, although the book is written in a fiction modality. The publication serves as a warning to all that the dreadful Day of the Lord is upon us, and people should get their houses in order before that day lest they be left behind.

The book provides a scenario that seems realistic enough and offers insight as to how things might be during the Tribulation Period. Puzzling to this reviewer, however, is why the Scriptures haven't been taken more seriously prior to this recent craze and hunger for such eschatological material. Whatever your view may be, for sure, LaHaye and Jenkins have at least in a small way opened the eyes of some that time is short and what we shall do in reaching the lost, we must do quickly.

Share Jesus Without Fear

By William Fay with Linda Evans Sheppard
Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1999
195 pages

If you are looking for a fresh relational approach to witnessing without a lot of technical and heavy theological information, then this is the book for you. Written for the serious witness who seeks after souls, *Share Jesus Without Fear* is a three-step witnessing process that provides five simple "Share Jesus" questions that initiate the relationship with the non-Christian, along with some key Scriptures followed by five simple commitment questions. Everything you need to become an effective witness is provided in the soul-winning method.

While there are many approaches to witnessing, Fay offers an easy, no-nonsense approach that has been proven and tested by experience. A large section of response scripts to objections provides the witness with a way of dealing with possible objections that may come up.

Throughout the book, Fay encourages believers to share their faith through obedience to Christ's command and to welcome the joy that comes in obeying Him. It is possible to share Jesus without inhibitive and paralyzing fear when you have confidence and encouragement in a proven method of witnessing.

Order these books and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009, 1-800-541-1378.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

"AND WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING"

There are times in our lives when the will and ways of our Lord take turns that we do not understand and certainly cannot fully grasp. Such was the case on December 9, 2000, when my peers elected me to the position of Evangelism/Missions director of this conference. I am truly honored by your confidence. I look forward to working with you and to the challenges before us. I am excited about what God is doing all over this world and that world includes the bounds of the North Carolina Conference. How true the statement, "God is up to something. " Join in or get left behind.

Praise God for the great things accomplished through the capable leadership of Chris Thompson and the people of the North Carolina Conference. I know Brother Thompson will continue to provide excellent leadership and vision in the office of superintendent. I look forward to the challenges of Evangelism/Missions, knowing that God is our source and knowing also that we have a great "church" people in this conference with a heart and concern for evangelism and missions.

You have been faithful over the years in the support and expansion of these departments, and I know that will continue to be true. I challenge you to continue to support world missions in our denomination. Year after year you have responded tremendously in all categories of support for missions, and in finances you have piled up record after record. To God be the Glory, and again thank God for capable leadership. I know that your support in every way will continue and that you will continue to give to support missions, even sacrificially.

Evangelism effort in our conference has grown and expanded; however, we want to continue to expand individually, locally, and conference wide. One-on-one evangelism is still the great tool to reach people, and we have many resources to aid us in doing this. Though to some it would seem that the bounds of our conference are well reached with the gospel and though quite a number of churches have been planted, there are still areas that need a Pentecostal Holiness witness, and we intend to continue to plant churches and expand the Kingdom. During this year alone, we intend to organize and/or plant ten churches, which presents an interesting problem in that that number may already be low because of the tremendous and expanding ministry among the Hispanic community within our conference. Join with us in prayer that God will continue to open doors of opportunity for us and that HE will make available to us the opportunities to make advances in the black community and also into other ethnic groups. Make it a focus of your prayer that God will call and commission pastors who will plant, dig out churches in areas that need a Pentecostal Holiness witness. This is a special calling; let's believe God to raise up such men/women. Church revitalization is also a major concern, and we will continue the effort to strengthen existing and older churches. Even though the IPHC is focusing a great deal of attention, and rightfully so, on planting churches and churches planting churches, the fabric and mainstay of our conference and denomination is the tremendous network of churches already in place. They provide a tremendous source of support and resources on which to rely. There remains a great deal of opportunity, expanding opportunity I might add, in their area of service.

I could say much more; however, I desire your prayers and support for my family and myself, without which we will utterly fail. I have purposefully to this point left out THE key ingredient to all the above aspirations – that is "PRAYER." Every program, every plan, every effort, no matter the input of human strength, is doomed to fail from the start if our churches/God's people don't realize and grasp the vital necessity of prayer. Brothers and sisters in the faith, let's find our places on our knees, bathing every program, plan, effort with prayer.

In the heading of this article I used a portion of scripture from John 15:5, "and without me you can do nothing." I pray that that scripture will be impressed on our hearts. We must have the presence, anointing, and guidance of the Holy Spirit on every endeavor. We cannot succeed without HIM, and it only comes through devoted, intense, and continual prayer.

God bless you, I look forward to working with you, and again, thank you for your confidence. Let's make this year the greatest, most successful year ever in Evangelism/Missions in the North Carolina Conference. Let's continue to lead the way in this denomination.

DEDICATION OF NUEVA JERUSALEM

December 17, 2000

On Sunday morning, December 17, Betty and I, along with John and Edna Parker, attended Nueva Jerusalem at McGhees Crossroads. It was a special day! We were treated like royalty. It was the dedication of the new building for Nueva Jerusalem (New Jerusalem).

Pastor Luis Manriquez and co-pastor Ruth Manriquez had done an excellent job in preparation for the day. More than 60 were in attendance for the day. (Several of the regular members were away for the holidays, and some were on a trip back to Mexico). After the service an excellent genuine Hispanic meal was served. It was fantastic! The tamales were just wonderful.

One of the special joys of the service was seeing two ladies come to the Lord. This is what church is all about.

The building was purchased in November from the Friendly Chapel PFWB church at a price of $200,000. A loan was procured from the Ministerial and Church Loan Extension Fund.

Several churches and friends assisted with the down payment. Among these were the Conference Evangelism Department, Evangel Church, and many others.

– Superintendent Thompson

Dedicating the new building

Pastor Manriquez leads two ladies to the Lord

Director Thompson and Coordinator John Parker

L-R: Betty Thompson, Edna Parker, Ruth Manriquez, John Parker, Luis Manriquez, Chris Thompson

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

On Saturday, December 9, 2000, I was excited and also overwhelmed with the opportunity to serve you, the North Carolina Conference, as its newly elected Church Education Ministries director. Having served on the Church Education Ministries board for the past 6 years, I realized Church Education Ministries is the ministry of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church primarily devoted to equipping the church for its mission to reach the world. The N.C. Conference takes seriously the Lord's command to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:16-20), and CEM is an integral part of God's plan for accomplishing this task (Matt. 16:18). Thus, I am very excited for the opportunity I will have in building the Kingdom of God for the CEM Department.

I believe we need to keep the "main thing" the main thing, (souls). I will work hard with the CEM board to develop programs and opportunities for you to take the word of God and the talents God has given each one of us and use them to help build His Kingdom. CEM covers a broad range of opportunities for everyone from the cradle to our golden years, so this year my prayer is for you to find your place in the CEM Department of your local church, and together we will work to build the Kingdom of God.

CEM board members: assistant CEM director and Royal Rangers liaison, Rev. Dwight Dunning; secretary/treasurer and Bible Quest coordinator, Rev. Oris Hubbard; conference youth pastor, Rev. Wiley Hughes; KIDZ Quest and Children's Ministry consultant, Rev. Terry Whittenton; Sunday school consultant and Discipleship Ministries, Rev. Billy Rose; and Family Ministry consultant, Joey Leggett.

This board understands the wise old saying, "Good leaders must first become good servants." We are here to serve you.

If ever the CEM Department of the North Carolina Conference can be a blessing to you, please don't hesitate to call or write us.

Conference Talent Quest Showcases 2001

Conference Tabernacle
Falcon, NC

Ranger of the Year - District & Conference
Friday, March 16 & Saturday, March 17, 2001

Junior Talent Quest - Saturday, March 31, 2001
Teen Talent Quest - Saturday, April 7, 2001

Conference Bible Quest - Saturday, April 21, 2001
Conference Training Center - 9:30 a.m.

Please note the following changes have been made to the 2001-2002 Guidelines:

The name change of the National Talent Program has been changed to **"Talent Quest."**

Correction: Page 7: Category VI
Division 2 – Keyboard Ensemble
Should read – Division 2 – Electronic Keyboard Solo

Under clarification – Division 2 – has been changed to read:
"Entire performance is to be live. No pre-recorded sound and/or sequencing."

Reminder of the new categories

Category II – Vocal/Instrumental
Division 1 – Solo
Division 2 – Ensemble (Two or more)

Addition: to Category III
Division 4, Conference Choir
(National Level of competition only)
Minimum of thirteen (13), no maximum number of singers

Category X – Video

Falcon Youth Camp

Senior Week (Ages 13 - 18):
June 10 – June 14
Warren Beemer
White Stone – Praise & Worship

Junior Week (Ages 10 – 12):
June 17 – June 21
Rose Boyd

Primary Week (Ages 7 – 9):
June 24 – June 28
TBA

Watch for Youth Camp Worker
And
Youth Camp Campers Applications
Arriving Soon in the Mail

Conference Missions Trip Raleigh, NC
July 14 – 18, 2001
Outreach in Wake County

Housing Accommodations – The Capital Church Campus
Fee $100.00
A registration form for this event can be obtained at the
March 9, 2001 Youth Rally and/or from the Conference CEM Office

The North Carolina Conference
Church Education Ministries Conference Training Event

Conference Training Center, Falcon North Carolina
March 9 & 10, 2001

Agenda

Friday, March 9, 2001
7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Registration

Youth Rally
Conference Tabernacle – Praise & Worship and Rev. Steve Ely
7:30 – Until
Pizza Party to Follow

Workshop
Training Center
7:30 – 8:30 Director's Session

Saturday, March 10, 2001

8:30 a.m. –	9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. –	9:10 a.m.	Welcome
9:10 a.m. –	10:00 a.m.	Workshop Options
10:00 a.m. –	10:15 a.m.	Break (Visit Displays & Booths)
10:20 a.m. –	11:10 a.m.	Workshop Options
11:10 a.m. –	11:30 a.m.	Break
11:35 a.m. –	12:25 p.m.	Workshop Options

About Our Presenters

Rev. Steve Ely, National Youth Director of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Rev. Ron White serves as Dean of Enrollment Management at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia. He has recently launched ***Laborers Together****, a training resource that helps the local church clarify its method and mission through improved communication and cooperation among its leaders.*

Joe Iaquinta is the Director of the New Evangelism Technologies for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. He has helped apply emerging technologies to the task of world evangelism; to provide computer based solutions to 21st-century challenges.

Rev. Charles Boyd, North Carolina Conference Church Education Ministries Director.

There will also be a representative from the Missionettes and the Royal Rangers available for training opportunities.

Registration Form
(Detach or Photocopy and Mail)

Instructions: If registration is postmarked on or before Thursday, March 1, 2001, the cost is $10.00 per person, with a maximum of $50.00 per church. After that date, the cost is $15.00 per person, with a maximum of $75.00 per church. One registration covers the entire event. **There is no charge for youth to attend the *"Youth Rally."*** CEUs will be available for clergy.
Mail completed form with full payment to:

CEM Department
P0 Box 60
Falcon, NC 28342

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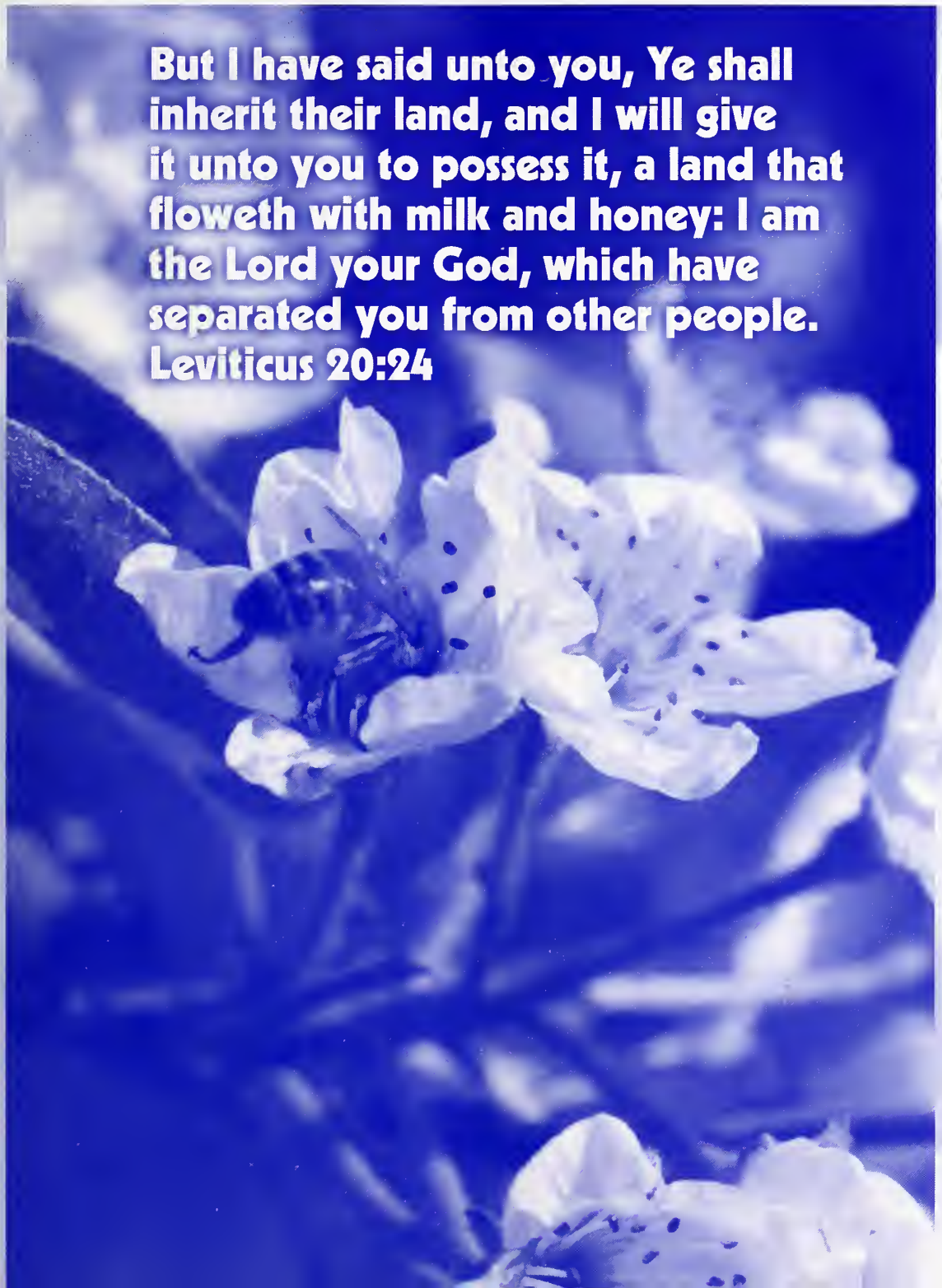

But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the Lord your God, which have separated you from other people. Leviticus 20:24

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

"These Are The Only Opportunities We Have!"

Recently in a World Missions meal our own missionary Linwood Berry uttered these words, "These are the only opportunities we have, so seize the opportunity." The words pierced my soul. Time is so short! It seems only yesterday that Betty and I were married and our boys were born. Betty and I will be married twenty-seven years in June. I do not want to miss any opportunity that the Lord has for me. I am very selfish when it comes to the Lord. I desire all he has for me and for the North Carolina Conference.

The Lord spoke to me last year, even before coming to the office of superintendent. "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don't be afraid or discouraged by the size of the task, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. He will see to it that all the work related to the Temple of the Lord is finished correctly." I Chronicles 28:20. What a promise this is!

There are so many opportunities around us. Neighbors live in sin, far from the Lord! They need to be saved. Family members are hurting. Relationships need to be restored and mended. Satanic attacks and oppression are everywhere. Sickness is ever on the increase. We can make a difference in this world, but only with the Lord's help and anointing. It is not our battle but His! We must seize our opportunities!

Last year, we had a fantastic year in the Conference in so many ways. We gained 612 net church members. The average morning worship attendance increased by 324. These were the gains even with so many cleaning their rolls. We organized five new churches (minimum of twenty-five members). There were seven new church-type missions (CTM). A church-type mission is one with at least twelve members. There were an additional three church start-ups. That made fifteen new churches last year. Wow! Praise the Lord!

This year we are Celebrating the Mission. At CWI February 26-28, the conference staff will be introducing a new denominational thrust for this decade called Reach 3 Plant 3. Each church member will be asked to win three people to Christ each year. Each church will be asked to plant three new churches this decade, 1) one like themselves, 2) one cross-culturally, 3) one transnational church (overseas). This is excellent material. Each pastor will get a special packet containing printed materials and videos. It is already available in Spanish. We must seize our opportunities!

In March, the conference teaching team will be ministering at the spring district conference. Our subject will be "The Five-fold Ministry Team of the 21st-century Church." We must seize our opportunities!

March 15	Wilmington District	Wilmington First
March 19	Goldsboro District	Whitley
March 20	Fayetteville District	Stedman
March 22	Williamston District	Bethany
March 26	Lumberton District	St. Pauls
March 27	New Bern District	Alliance
April 9	Wilson District	Living Waters
April16	Greenville District	Saint Paul
April 17	Morehead City District	Maranatha
April 23	Raleigh District	Evangel
April 24	Clinton District	Clinton First
April 26	Rocky Mount District	Living Faith
Please Note: Some of the above districts have changed dates since the conference calendar was published.		

In March I will begin a series of monthly meetings with the clergy o each district. I am calling these the superintendent's MPM meetings - Mission, Prayer, and Ministry. In these I will give a short word, discus current issues, and then lead a ministry time. The dates are as follows (subject to change).

March 13-14	Raleigh / Wilson Districts	Shiloh
April 10-11	Lumberton / Wilmington Districts	Chadbourn
May 15-16	Rocky Mount / Williamston Districts	Place TBA
June 12-13	Goldsboro / Greenville Districts	Place TBA
July 10-11	Clinton / Fayetteville Districts	Place TBA
August 14-15	Raleigh / Wilson Districts	Place TBA
September 5*	New Bern / Morehead City Districts	Place TBA
October 2-3	Rocky Mount / Williamston Districts	Place TBA
October 10*	Lumberton / Wilmington Districts	Place TBA
November 6-7	Goldsboro / Greenville Districts	Place TBA
December 12*	Clinton / Fayetteville Districts	Place TBA

SCHEDULE

Tuesday p.m.	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Presentation
	8:00 until	Q/A & Ministry
Wednesday a.m.	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Presentation
	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Q/A & Ministry
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Meal

** Wednesday Morning Only*

WE MUST SEIZE OUR OPPORTUNITIES

All the staff at the office are praying the Jabez Prayer through th month of February. Join us in praying this prayer daily. (It is my hop the staff will continue praying this prayer daily beyond February.)

The Jabez Prayer: And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying "Oh, that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, tha your hand would be with me, and that you would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain." So God granted him what he requested. Chronicles 4:9-10

May the Lord help each church and member of the conference t seize our opportunities These are the only opportunities we have. Tim is short.

Superintendent D. Chris Thompso

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CHURCH NEWS

— Mrs. Ethel Wheeler Henry —

Mrs. Ethel Wheeler Henry, vife of Rev. Tim B. Henry, vent home to meet her Lord n Wednesday, January 10, 2001. Mrs. Henry had been ill nd confined to the home or many months. Her onfinement did not keep her rom daily communion with ner God, her family, and the nany friends who loved her.

Mrs. Henry is survived by Rev. Henry, her husband of 64 years, a daughter, a son, nd their families. Edith Henry Eidson and her husband Arlen reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia; Charles and MJ "Tate" Henry live in Scottsdale, Arizona. Her grandson ives in Virginia, and a granddaughter lives in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Henry was an example all could emulate. A Christian from childhood, she was the guiding light that brought her family to the church. Having met Tim in June 1936, she married him on December 19 of the same year. She never failed to attend church and take her children as the family grew. When Mr. Henry was called to the ministry after many years of marriage, she willingly encouraged him, even when it meant that he had to be away from the family. She worked in order to help pay the iving and travel expenses when churches were small and could not afford to pay. The family spent many weekends traveling to towns away from home to help establish churches in new locations. She stood by his side as he greeted each person in attendance. She took time with the children, especially the babies.

Mrs. Henry worked her magic from the sidelines. The sick or bereaved knew that food would arrive from her kitchen. She was a wonderful cook, as most of the senior pastors and many of the young ones can attest. She called the shut-ins to provide encouragement when they needed t. Never one to be very outspoken, she could surprise you vith a prayer that reached the very throne of God. She also had a dry sense of humor that could praise or taunt you, depending upon what you might be doing when she ssued that witticism.

With a mind as sharp as a tack, she never forgot anything. Many families in the conference have learned family news because she could always be counted upon to remember things "from the old days." She served as a link to the past for both family and friends. Yes, she will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Sister Ethel Henry was quite a remarkable lady. Betty and I loved her the first time we met her. She was small in stature, but a powerhouse for God. We always felt blessed when we were able to talk with her.

She was a pastor's wife, always faithful to assist her preacher husband, Tim B. Henry. She labored faithfully with her husband at Moore's Creek, Verona, Snead's Ferry, Jacksonville, Wilmington, Scotland Neck, Williamston First, Mount Carmel, Saint Paul, Bethel, New Bern First, Wallace, Millennium, Lyon Memorial, and Red Springs. She labored with Brother Henry in 1955 when he served as a general evangelist. She was with him in 1953-1954 when he served as director of conference evangelism. During that time, eleven new churches were organized.

One reason that I loved her so much was that she could so easily direct her preacher husband. Tim B. Henry is a man of God. He fears no man, but he listened carefully to Miss Ethel. Once when visiting in her home, Brother Henry offered me some candy (in her absence) from a bowl on top of the refrigerator. He informed me not to tell Miss Ethel. The top of the refrigerator was his hiding place. Being short of stature, she couldn't see it. Somehow I felt she knew and was allowing him to enjoy the "sweet" deception. My, what a team they were!

We will continue to remember her with love and inspiration. We will pray for her preacher husband who misses her greatly, as he continues to preach and pastor and carry God's work forward.

–Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

— Janice Newsome Turpin —

On the Friday before Christmas, Betty and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Janice Turpin. Janice was our neighbor, friend, and longtime comrade in ministry in the N.C. Conference. Sister Turpin was born on November 19, 1930, in Lucama, NC. She graduated from the Emmanuel College Academy (Georgia) in 1949. She went on to attend Emmanuel Junior College, where she met her future husband, Clifton L. Turpin. Soon after

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graduation, they were married and moved to North Carolina, where they both continued their studies at East Carolina University in Greenville while pastoring several churches. Mrs. Turpin earned her B.S. and M.A. degrees in elementary education.

Janice Turpin was deeply involved in her husband's pastorates and served, among many other responsibilities, as pianist/organist, youth leader, and Sunday school teacher. Their pastorates and leadership positions occasioned their living in three states – Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. On the conference level, she was the secretary/treasurer of the Lifeliners and the Women's Ministry Departments. She was a public school teacher for twenty-one years. She operated a kindergarten/day care center for nine years. Her talents included writing articles for the *Reach* magazine and Sunday School literature.

In 1977, when her husband became superintendent of Falcon Children's Home, she became his faithful assistant. She took on the responsibilities of archivist of the home. She traveled with The Falcon Inspirations. Janice Turpin was a very special lady. Betty and I will miss seeing her in Falcon, but we know where she is.

She is survived by her sons, Clifton L. Turpin, Jr., and Steven G. Turpin; a daughter-in-law, Josephine Turpin, of Falcon; two beloved grandchildren, Brittany Nicole and Clifton ("Cliffy") L. Turpin, III; and a brother-in-law, the Rev. Harold R. Turpin, and wife, Mavis. Her mother, Annabelle Shirley Newsome Cates, resides in the Golden Years Home in Falcon.

Rev. Leonard H. Leggett

I do not remember the year that I first met Brother Leggett, but I remember the location. It was Falcon Camp Meeting. He and I enjoyed a pleasant conversation one evening after supper. I was a young pastor just starting out. He was excited about God and the opportunities ahead for me. He freely shared his experiences. It was a joy to know him.

Brother Leggett was converted in 1956 at the Williamston First Church. He received his mission workers license in 1960. He became a member of the conference local minister's license in 1964. He was ordained in 1966. He served the Lord faithfully and the N.C. Conference by pastoring the following churches Pilgrim (Washington), Swansboro, Windsor, Carson Memorial, Black Creek, and Lamm's Grove. He was superannuated in 1978.

We will miss this preacher of the Word! God bless his memory to our hearts.

Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

Leonard Hamilton Leggett
May 25, 1917 – January 4, 2001

Reverend Leonard Leggett of Wilson, North Carolina was taken home to be with the Lord after an extended time of illness. Brother Leggett served his God and his church with distinction for a number of years. The one thing that stood out the most in his life was his overwhelming passion to preach God's Word. Anywhere, anytime, to anybody; no matter the distance, the sacrifice, the size of the crowd, or even if his expenses were met. I believe he was willing to pay to preach, and literally that is what he did.

He was one of those all so important bi-vocational preachers without whom we would be in a great deal of trouble. He worked with his hands during the week and jumped in his car and often times would travel great distances to preach the gospel. His first opportunities to preach came when he started a house church in Washington. He went from there to pastor a number of churches in Windsor, New Bern, Greenville, Swansboro, and Wilson.

The funeral services were conducted at the Williamston First P.H. Church by Roger Leggett, Elmer Mooring, and Brother Leggett's grandson, Christopher Holiday. I'm sure Brother Leggett would have been proud of his grandson at the service.

May God give us more men with the passion to preach and the willingness to labor with their hands to support themselves and to build the Kingdom of God.

Roger Leggett

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Rev. H. M. Parson . . . . . March 1
Rev. Joseph Guthrie . . . . . March 17
Rev. Robert Overton . . . . . March 18
Rev. C.P. Gurganus. . . . . March 21
Rev. Blanche Pollard. . . . . March 24

Rev. Marvin Rogers. . . . . March 26
Rev. Fred Jones. . . . . March 26
Rev. Mrs. Eva Brown . . . . . March 28
Rev. Mrs. Della Stewart . . . . . March 29

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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SPOTLIGHT ON MEN

APPLE, ANYONE?

Have you ever noticed when Paul talks about the "fruit" of God's Spirit, he uses the singular form even though a list follows?

What God gives us in ***Galatians 5:22*** *are the attributes of the fruit of His Spirit. Consider this: an apple is one fruit. But if you wanted to list the attributes of an apple, you could say an apple is worm-free, sweet, juicy, firm, red, crispy and unbruised. An apple grower might employ such a list to determine the quality of the apples he sells.*

As believers, we are admonished that ***"if we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25).*** *One way we can do a quality-control check on our walk in the Spirit is to use the Galatians list. Men of God, are we regularly and consistently displaying the attributes of the fruit of the Holy Spirit? Are we walking in love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, and meekness?*

Think about it – When we get ready to bite into an apple, we look for the one that has as many of the fruit's best attributes as we can find. While we might consider eating one with a slight bruise, most of us would insist that our apple be worm-free!

As believers, we might not always exhibit all the attributes of the Spirit as readily as we should. But we must remember that others are instinctively sizing up the "reality" of this "Jesus business" by how they see us acting!

Jesus said, ***"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).*** *Like an apple being worm-free, love is an essential, crucial attribute of the fruit of the Spirit that must always flow freely from those who belong to Jesus.*

Men of God, if we will determine truly to walk in the Holy Spirit, He will provide the attributes of His fruit we need in every circumstance so others will come to Jesus because of what they have seen in us. Everything we do will have an effect on someone else's life. Let it be a good effect! Let's purpose in our hearts to show the fruit of the Spirit to the best of our ability!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Our theme this year is "Men Moving In One Accord." The Word says, ***"Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Phil. 2:2).***

Please be much in prayer for our fall men's retreat ***(September 14-15).*** *Pastors, deacons, and Men's Ministries directors, please help me this year spread the "Good News" about what Jesus wants to do in the lives of our men!*

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 14 – Resurrection Breakfast
- June 10 – Laymen's Sunday
- August 1-10 – General Conference ... (The Men's Ministries General Convention will be August 6, and the Men's Ministries Pastor/Lay Breakfast will be on August 10.)
- September 14-15 – NC Men's Ministries "Fall Men's Retreat"
- October 7 – Pastor Appreciation
- October 11-13 – The National Conference on Ministry to Men in Atlanta, Georgia. This is an exceptional event for all men's leaders, e.g., conference and local church.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

LINES FROM LINDA...

Some years ago, when Lincoln-Mercury introduced the Sable, my husband thought I should have one. When the first one was delivered to our friend's dealership, he took me to look at it. You may remember that it was a totally different design from what was being driven at the time. Most cars had the straight, bold design; but the Sable was aerodynamically designed...curved and sleek. My first impression was not good. I just didn't like the way it looked. It was out of sync with everything else on the road at that time. I kept resisting the test drive which Joe wanted me to do. I simply did not want a Sable...of any color or interior design.

As it would happen, my car had to be serviced; and Joe's last instructions before I went to Alcoke's was to drive the Sable while I was there. Our daughter, Emma, (who was about 12 or 13 at the time) went with me. During our drive into town, I told her that her dad wanted me to get a Sable. Obviously, my opinion of the car had made an impression on her because she immediately gave her negative response. She said that car was so ugly she would be ashamed to ride in it. She definitely did not like the idea of trading our car for a Sable.

When we arrived at the dealership, with my mind already made up, I reluctantly told the salesman that Joe wanted me to drive the Sable. At the same time, I told him I really was not interested in the car but was doing it to please my husband. The salesman, who is a close friend, invited me to get in the driver's seat. He then proceeded to tell me all the grand features of the car...from under the hood and tires to the interior decor. After a few minutes of introduction to the car, he got in the other front seat, and we took a drive down Highway 17. All the while, he continued to point out all the special features of the interior of the car. Emma was intently listening.

When we got back to Alcoke's, we found that the service to my car was going to take a while to complete. So arrangements were made for me to drive the Sable while they completed the service on my car. Before we got out the parking lot, Emma suggested that we not get the old car back and just keep the Sable. She began to point out all the great features it had that our old car did not have. Now, she really liked this car and thought it was just what we needed.

To be honest, by this time I was beginning to feel a little the same way. However, I had not expressed my feelings to her. So I reminded her that all the way to New Bern she had talked about how ugly the car was, how it looked like something from Mars, how she would be ashamed to ride in a car that looked like that. I asked her, "Emma, what changed your mind?"

Without a moment's hesitation she said, "The salesman makes the difference."

The end of the story is that we never drove our old car again. Both Emma and I saw the Sable from a totally different perspective. In fact, I loved that car. It was great on gas and drove like a dream. It was small and convenient yet had a large trunk to haul around my many projects. I liked the Sable so much that the next two cars we owned were Sables as well.

Why do I share this story? Because I see several spiritual analogies in it. First of all, we can become so accustomed to what we have had that we rebel against anything that seems a little different...even though it might be better. We might think it looks too different or is out of sync with what has been. We might just refuse to be open to the new things God is trying to do in our lives.

Second, as my biased opinion had affected my daughter, so it is that our selfish views are influencing others around us. We may be hindering other people from following the lead of the Holy Spirit.

Third, the salesman really does make a difference. When we are willing to listen to the truth and accept it for what it is, our perspective will change greatly. So often we want to hold on to traditions that keep us in our comfort zone. We don't want to appear different; thus, we turn a deaf ear to the leading of our hearts. But when we listen to that still, small voice and accept what we hear, we will go forth in new power.

Another thought for us to ponder is this: What kind of salesman am I? When I talk about my church, do others hear the positive features? When I go about my daily business, do others see honesty and Christian character? Who is watching and listening? One never knows the impact of his or her words and actions on another... and what a change of heart they can impact.

After we purchased the Sable, I shared Emma's words with the car dealer, our friend Joe Alcoke. We told him what a difference his salesman had made in our perspective. Joe was able to use this story many times in his sales meetings. I have shared it many times as well; for I found that day, without any question, the salesman makes the difference!

NEWS FROM FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT...

Fayetteville District WM Rally was held at Oak Ridge P.H. Church on November 9. Ladies from eight churches in the district participated. The focus of the rally was the decorating of Christmas trees with Chrismons. Chrismons are ornaments which represent the Christian faith. The ornaments had been made by ladies from the various WM groups. The trees that were decorated were then taken back to the local churches from which the women came so they could share the message of Christ with the Chrismons. On each tree were ornaments of a star, cross, dove, angel, crown, and Alpha and Omega.

Following the program, the ladies enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and good food. Oak Ridge Church ladies were most gracious hostesses. Vickie Hayes' introductory words were certainly proven true. She said, "We are a small church with a big heart."

Our Lord Jesus used familiar pictures, parables, and subjects to teach great truths. Paul the Apostle, in II Timothy 2:12, speaking to young Timothy, spoke to him in a very affectionate term as a son whom he loved in Christ and encouraged him to be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus. Then he told Timothy to pass on the things that he had

Trees were decorated with Chrismons made by members of the various WM groups.

heard from him among many witnesses and for him to commit to faithful men who were able to teach others also.

This is the ultimate goal of ministry — to pass it on. Paul told Timothy to pass on what he had learned from him. As Timothy did this, he would grow and be strengthened in God's grace and the sharing of His message.

This was the intent and purpose of the Fayetteville District Rally program. The Chrismon trees were to be passed on...perhaps to a shut-in or some place where others could be reminded that Christ came to earth that we might have eternal life.

Former NCWM President Dollie Davenport (center) holds one of the trees with Chrismon ornaments which she and the Mount Carmel ladies would pass on.

CULBRETH MEMORIAL WM ladies invited District Director Patsy Payne to attend one of their meetings during 2000. Pictured here is a beautiful group of ladies who truly love the Lord.

MOUNT CARMEL AND HOPE MILLS WM ladies enjoy Sharing Sister dinner. Directors Bonnie Bundy and Dollie Davenport are shown here enjoying a "sharing sister" moment. Patsy Payne shared devotion with these ladies.

GRACE COMMUNITY WM ladies participated with their church family in a number of Christmas projects, one of which was furnishing, assembling, and distributing 100 bags of household and personal hygiene items to needy families.

HOPE MILLS WM members prepare Christmas stockings for Red Hook Church children's ministry. Director Faith Brock was blessed to travel to Brooklyn, New York, with the Happy Hearts to deliver the stockings.

Submitted by Patsy Payne
Fayetteville District WM Director

WE RECOMMEND...

April Hardee is a young woman who was called into the ministry at the age of 12. She and her husband, Donnie, live in Greenville, NC. She recently recorded her fourth gospel music tape/CD. April feels that God is calling her to do more with her music ministry. Her desire is to be used of God and to spread the gospel through song. Those who attended the 2000 NCWM Retreat, you will remember April's dynamic and anointed performance there. If you would like to have April at your church, you may contact her by calling 252-353-0472 or by writing to: April Hardee, 1612 Crawford's Pointe Drive, Greenville, NC 27834.

NCWM CONVENTION

June 9 is the date. Falcon is the place. Be sure your Women's Ministries is represented at the 2001 NCWM Convention. Awards will be presented, and a motivational program is being planned.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE

An excerpt from *Marriage Clues for the Clueless*

One vivid memory from my childhood is my parents' routine at the end of every workday. My dad would arrive home and greet us, but then my mom would briefly suspend her supper preparations, fix them each a cup of coffee, and then they would disappear into the living room or their bedroom for fifteen to twenty minutes to talk and catch up. In essence they were saying, "I want to hear about your day. Your thoughts and feelings matter deeply to me."

What a great lesson in marital priorities and the importance of regular communication.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The woman who views the world at 50 the same as she did at 20 has wasted 30 years of her life.

Book Review

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P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009,
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Pastor/Teacher: Merrill Davis

The Disconnected Generation: Saving Our Youth From Self Destruction

by Josh McDowell. Nashville: Word Publishing 2000. 229 pages

"We can't pass on our faith or protect our kids from the culture, unless we make that relational connection, that loving bond, that intimate attachment our children so desperately need and want," writes Josh McDowell. The godless culture our children are living in today is not conducive to a genuine and lasting relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The postmodern, anti-Christian culture threatens to undermine their faith and moral character. It counters and seeks to destroy the sense of authenticity, importance, security, significance, lovability, and responsibility they critically need.

What can church leaders do? What can parents who sincerely love their children and want the very best for them do in such a crazy, mixed-up, and confused world? Incidents in places like Pearl, Mississippi; Springfield, Oregon; West Paducah, Kentucky; and infamous Littleton, Colorado, only intensify the sense of desperation that is being felt around the country. Teaching our children right from wrong is not enough. More is required if we expect to be successful in reaching young generations for Christ.

McDowell, a seasoned veteran in addressing the issues, problems, and concerns of young people, advocates entering the young person's world at six vital connection points: 1) affirmation, 2) acceptance, 3) appreciation, 4) affection, 5) availability and 6) accountability. By entering their world and making the "connection," which is essentially a caring relational experience with them, the parent, teacher, youth worker, minister, or mentor can lead them to make and maintain the faith connection described as a real, close relationship with the living Lord. Young people want a healthy and relationally meaningful life on earth and a home in heaven.

The book contains numerous statistical reports on various needs and issues of young people. McDowell offers helpful insights about the world of young people that will assist the parent or Christian worker in understanding the youth of today. Helpful hints are presented to help you connect with young people, especially in the areas of disappointments, relational losses, conflicts, love and sex, and the world of sexual pressure. The distortion of certain values and principles of living by the postmodern culture of today only augments the frustrations and difficulties experienced in reaching our young people. Times have changed. The pressures upon young people are as great as any time in human history.

Knowing that young people face great obstacles and problems should awaken Christian leaders and parents to act and enter their world and show them the better, God-centered way. We earn the right to lead them through the difficult maze of life by relating to them where they hurt and direct them beyond subjective beliefs to a vital, real, and true relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Next American Spirituality: Finding God in the Twenty-First Century

By George Gallup, Jr., and Timothy Jones
Colorado Springs, Colorado: Cook Communications 2000. 205 pages

In case you haven't noticed lately, the American landscape and scene have changed dramatically in the last thirty or forty years. We reap now what was sown in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Certain men rule the world from their grave, including Darwin, Kierkegaard, James, Dewey, and others. This volume, written by this country's leading pollster, George Gallup, Jr., offers indispensable insight about ourselves and our society.

The information given in the book was formulated from a 24-hour survey of the spiritual habits of Americans. While you may not always agree with what people are saying and what the numbers show, nonetheless, it gives a glimpse into what Americans are thinking about religion and spirituality. This intelligence presents the mammoth challenges we face as Christian leaders as we commence a new millennium.

Written from an optimistic viewpoint about the direction of the spirituality of this country, Gallup suggests that the indicators tell us that people are considering spiritual matters as never before. He forecasts that the future of America will be a "new thing—ultimately God's new thing, in terms of renewal of our churches, the restoration of our families, and the reclamation of our cities and towns."

Christian leaders must face the fact that we are living in a secular, godless society but an increasingly spiritual culture. Does all of this "new spirituality" square up with the Scriptures? What is the right definition of spirituality? Is God pleased with this resurgence of interest in spiritual matters? Is the new spirituality God-centered or man-centered? What does a person mean when he says he desires spiritual growth and enrichment through God's presence? What is the difference between scriptural spirituality and "Spirituality Lite"? Gallup stated, "Christianity is not the only ancient tradition being rediscovered. In their rediscovery of spirituality many may turn to any number of options in an ever-spreading spiritual smorgasbord." But is this something that Jesus Christ could embrace and give credence to?

Amazingly, one third of the respondents to one of the questions, *How do you define spirituality?*, gave no reference to God or a higher authority whatsoever. Gallup admits that the pendulum has swung away from <u>what is beyond us</u> to <u>what is within us</u>. In fact, the majority (53%) claimed to rely more on themselves to solve the problems of life rather than an outside power, such as God.

Satan is eager for people to find spirituality, but spirituality defined by experience and popular culture is not the kind of God-honoring spirituality of the Bible. There may indeed be a spiritual hunger in America, but are Americans finding true spirituality or something counterfeit? Can someone who believes that truth is essentially unknowable find the kind of Christ-centered and Christ-honoring spirituality discovered by the Apostles and disciples of the early church? According to the survey, 16% said they prayed to Jesus Christ, while 75% claimed to pray to a supreme being such as God. Isn't it through Jesus Christ, the theanthropic mediator, that we are able to approach the throne of grace? Is He the only way to the Father, or is there some new approach we need to know about?

I recommend that serious-minded Christian educators and ministers of the Gospel purchase the volume as it serves as an eye opener to the new wave of spirituality that we will have to deal with in the years to come. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Prepare yourself by staying informed just as the sons of Issachar were in their day. MLD

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

"and without me you can do nothing"

At the end of his first letter to the Corinthians in Chapter 16:9, Paul makes a challenging and powerful statement that we need to examine closely as we consider the call, the commission of our Lord. He talks briefly about the offering received by them for the saints under persecution in Galatia, and he does not fail to mention their generosity; he talks about the privilege of Christians to give, to invest into the kingdom of God by faithful stewardship; he talks about his desire to come to visit them yet admits that it is not feasible at the present time; then he makes this challenging and powerful statement that we need to take to heart for the year 2001 and beyond; I need, we need to allow the Holy Spirit to challenge us with this truth as we, the IPHC of the North Carolina Conference, evangelize our generation and location. "For a great door and effectual is open unto us." There are those who say that our region, along with all of America, is so gospel hardened, what headway can we make? I believe this is simply an excuse to free ourselves from the tremendous responsibility and privilege to fulfill the Great Commission, the mission of our church, or "The marching orders of our Lord." And there is the reality that report after report is saying that souls, many souls, are being won to our Lord and that the spirit of revival is covering the North Carolina Conference. God is up to something in our conference. The rain of God's power is falling in churches all over the bounds of eastern North Carolina.

Though one would think that eastern North Carolina is saturated with the Pentecostal Holiness witness, that simply is not the case. There are many rural areas, rural communities, small towns, and larger cities in our region which need more churches. When we look at the statistics that on any given Sunday with all the churches of every denomination available to worshipers, still only a small segment of the population attends church, constituents of the North Carolina Conference, there's our challenge. Recently, in my report at the Evangelism Appreciation Banquets, I listed just a few locations within the bounds of our conference that present a challenge to plant, to have a Pentecostal Holiness church, such as Raleigh, Northern Wake County, Fayetteville-Spring Lake, Wilmington, Burgaw, Murfreesboro, Louisburg, Manteo-Kill Devil Hills, Raeford; and yet this represents only a few areas of consideration and effort. We need to pray, to fast and pray, that God will call and raise up into the ministry men and women who will accept that call to preach, yet not just to preach but to go out and dig out churches, plant churches for the glory of our Lord. Folks, I'm convinced this is not the time for us to fold up our tentacles of influence but to expand and grow. In my report mentioned above, I projected that for this year we plant/organize ten new churches, five of which would be Hispanic churches. I am excited at the prospects of new churches across our conference in the Anglo community; I am also praising God for what He is doing among the Hispanic people. God has definitely opened this door to the IPHC; He has given us a tremendous coordinator in the person of Superannuated John Parker. This minister/pastor/missionary of many years is greatly instrumental in bringing our Hispanic outreach/church planting to where it is today. As of this letter, on February 18 we will be organizing the Hispanic church in Newton Grove with others waiting in the wings, and regularly, other Hispanic plants are taking place. This is reason to shout, to celebrate, to give glory to our God. The Hispanic population of Eastern North Carolina is expanding; we must continue to take advantage of that growth – "a great door and effectual is open." We also need to take advantage of the opportunities as they are presented to us regarding other ethnic groups. Let's fast and pray that God will send us the right contacts, the right opportunities, and that He will give us the wisdom and determination to utilize those opportunities. EVUSA, Evangelism USA, has set as its goal for the decade 2001-2010, "Churches Planting Churches." It's a great idea for the conference to focus on areas to establish or plant churches, yet even a better, a biblical one, rather, is "churches planting (mothering/daughtering) churches." Within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference, there are a number of established churches who could mother or daughter a church plant in their city, town, or setting. Pastor, I challenge you with that possibility; it can happen. We could dwell on the last phrase in 1 Corinthians 16:9, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me and there are many adversaries." There are many adversaries; that is where the old adversary, the devil, wants the IPHC to dwell, but not so, the harvest potential is great; the opportunities are endless. Growth, church revitalization, church planting

present obstacles, problems, opposition etc.; yet Paul does not even address those here in these verses.

Where is the North Carolina Conference headed? (Into the future, and into uncharted waters) What are our possibilities? (Unlimited) Who is our source, resource and empowerer? (Is there any doubt – Christ our Lord) Are there adversaries? (Of course) What about our future? (The best way to close this article is: "The best way to predict the future is to create it")

Mission 21 – Celebrate the Mission

When I woke up this morning and felt the warm breeze and the balmy weather, I wondered, is this really February? The thought that came into mind and stayed with me for quite a while was, today is a beautiful day to do some things that I've been intending to do because this is "winter" and cold weather may return tomorrow. The same is true in a spiritual sense; this is the time to work, to reap the harvest both at home and abroad because, "the day is at hand" when our Lord will return and the time of reaping will be over. Let us work while it is day. Just this week we finished the 2001 round of missions meals. There were thirteen of them from Lumberton to Williamston, filled with information, inspiration, and tremendous fellowship. I sensed a growing level of missions awareness. While celebrating the mission, and rejoicing in what God has done through His people, I sensed the feeling that though great things have been done, much more can be done. We broke the record in attendance with 505 attendees. That in itself is a tremendous and revealing statistic verifying that the North Carolina Conference is serious about the Lord's commission, our mission. Rev. Bruce Martin, director of development and publications for World Missions Ministry, and Rev. Donald Duncan, executive director of World Missions Ministry, were our speakers, and both did a superb job of relaying the message of missions to our people. We now have 183 missionaries in 92 countries and intend to be in at least 100 countries by the end of 2001. World Missions Ministry received $7,795,000 in total giving for the year 2000. To God be the Glory. "How shall they go unless they are sent?" is still true for our day. How can you/I support missions? We can pray, fast, and invest. That is an unbeatable formula. Working as a well-organized team, I challenge the people and churches of the North Carolina Conference to make 2001 the greatest year ever in missions support in prayer, fasting, and investing. Every pastor needs to get at least one copy of the *2001 Link* for each church family so that they can systematically pray for all our missions personnel.

I believe that in the year 2001 the IPHC will race through and far beyond the eight million dollar mark. During the missions meals, I heard quite a number of exciting stories from local churches about what was going on in their missions ministry and what were some of their intentions and goals for this year. Quite frankly, I believe that 2001 will again be a banner year, a record-breaking year for our conference; can I get a witness? What did God achieve through our conference in 2000? $1,273,057 in total giving, $235,077 in our Global Outreach Offering, $124,380 in People to People giving; many of our churches are involved in overseas special projects, ministry, operation tools, church planting overseas; some have already done and are planning to do so again this year – to send church missions teams to foreign soil in missions ministry to complete specific tasks: church building, witnessing, preaching, medical missions, and more. God is truly blessing this conference as people and churches expand the horizon of missions ministry.

This year we were fortunate to have three of our missionaries, who were living in our missions homes itinerating, to travel with us to the various locations: Ron and Phylis Roy (Mexico), Linwood and Nancy Berry (Spain), and Albert Gonzales (Thailand). As each one of them spoke briefly during the meetings, there was a Spirit-anointed excitement that surrounded them, and those in attendance also felt that anointing. For example, Albert, who is from the Philippines, and his wife Jiep, who is from Thailand, are called to return to her homeland to plant begin an IPHC work. Thailand, a land of 60 million people, is 95% Buddhist, 4% Muslim, and only 1% Christian. What a formidable task; however, this man is full of the Holy Spirit, and I have no doubt that a work will be planted in Thailand. A thought that was repeated in each meeting was, "Touching Heaven – Changing Nations." When God's people touch heaven in prayer and fasting, the face of nations will be changed. Let's touch heaven for Thailand, and through the ministry of Albert and Jiep, that nation will be changed forever by the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

What are our goals for 2001? Total Missions giving – $1,310,000 (vision goal $1,350,000); People to People – $130,000; I want to adopt 200 children this year; we adopted 18 during the meals; Global Outreach – $245,000 (vision goal $250,000). These are goals that are easily within our reach, by God's grace; let's give, invest liberally towards the cause of the greatest undertaking ever by man, yet let's give toward the cause of the accomplishment of the Great Commission on earth, which until Jesus comes is the "Marching Orders of the Church." By the time you read this article, March 4 will have already passed. That is the day the IPHC has designated as Faith Commitment Sunday 2001. If you did not do it that day, I urge you, pastor, to do it at an appropriate time in your schedule because even though we emphasize several areas of giving, Faith Commitment (monthly giving) is still the backbone of World Missions Ministry. Thank you so much for your prayers, fasting, and investing in Missions. "God bless you" is my prayer.

Charles Boyd
Church Education
Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Thoughts from the Director....

What is joy? We know it's something we sing to the world ("Joy to the World"); a part of the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:23); a source of strength (Nehemiah 8:10); and something we're supposed to be full of (John 16:24). But what is it really?

The Greek word for joy is *chara*, which means emotional excitement, gladness, delight over blessings received or expected for yourself or others. Joy is not, however, a warm feeling that comes around when things are going well, and you're in a good mood. Biblical joy always comes from God's Holy Spirit.

In fact, Romans 14:17 tells us that the Kingdom of God consists of three things: righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. As members of the Kingdom of God, joy should be one of the main things others see in us! We've got to let the Holy Spirit shine through us even when we don't feel like it.

You see, true joy isn't conditional. Joy should be part of our daily countenance. The reason you can keep smiling in the midst of turmoil is that you have joy: a by-product of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Remember, if we don't let the joy of the Lord show in our lives, we are just like everyone else, happy only when things are going right. Let's not blend into the crowd. Let your joy flow, and then you'll surely have to answer that question — How can you be so happy? Then you tell them.... It's Jesus!

Fire & Ice 2001

Guest Speaker – Tony Brock

Altars were filled with young people seeking the Lord.

Worship Him in Spirit and Truth

We hope to see ya' next year.

Gatlinburg, Tennessee, was the site of the Annual Fire & Ice weekend sponsored by several East Coast conferences. Around 800 people attended this event January 25-28, 2001, close to 100 from the North Carolina Conference. More than 780 were pre-registered for the event. Steve Ely, our National Youth Director, and Tony Brock were the guest speakers. A special Global Quest Offering was receive of over $2000. Fire & Ice includes a day of skiing, morning sessions, and evening celebration rallies. One Voice from Southwestern College led worship.

North Carolina Conference, please begin to make preparations to attend **Fire & Ice 2002, January 24-27** back in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. It will be bigger and better than ever. Let's shoot for an attendance over 1000.

Ranger of the Year 2001

March 16 & 17, 2001

District level for Pioneers, Trail Blazers, and Challengers will be held on Friday night at Falcon, NC.

Conference level will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2001.

District and conference for the Buckaroos will both be held on Saturday.

Each Royal Ranger attending ROTY at Falcon will be eligible to enter one Pinewood Derby car, which must meet all official rules for Royal Ranger Pinewood Derby. Goldsboro District Commander Phil Britt will be leader of this event.

Schedule for ROTY 2001

Friday

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Staff meeting
7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Registration (Pioneers, Trailblazers, Challengers)
7:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.	Welcome & instructions
7:45 p.m. – Until	District level oral interview

Saturday

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration (Buckaroos)
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Assembly (all age groups), district winners announced
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Conference ROTY (written & skills), district interviews Buckaroos, extra activities
12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m.	Lunch
1:30p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Assembly (all age groups)
1:45 p.m. – 3:30p.m.	Conference oral interviews (all age groups), extra activities (all age groups)
3:30p.m. – 4:00p.m.	Awards ceremony & closing
4:00 p.m. – Until	Clean-up & dismissal

Acquire the Fire – Charlotte, NC
March 23 and 24, 2001
For more information, contact
Rev. Wiley Hughes at (910) 485-4367
or Rev. Charles Boyd at (910) 980-1162

Conference Talent Quest Competition
Falcon, NC

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Competition begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Junior — Saturday March 31, 2001

Teen — Saturday, April 7, 2001

We are looking forward to a great day of ministry from our youth.

Let no man despise thy youth: but he than an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.

1 Timothy 4:12-16

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Sunday, April 15

2001 Goal: $75,000

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We pray that you'll live well
or the Master, making him proud
f you as you work hard in his orchard"

(Colossians 1, *The Message*).

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

We are the Resurrection People!

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why we call it the present. God intends His children to live in present victory. He invites His children to live with promise.

Pentecostal Holiness Christians live more fully when they have confidence in the promise of life. Life is exciting and more fulfilling when one has some purpose, some special value, and some significance to living. It helps to know who one is.

God is with His disciples. He is for us. He surrounds us with overwhelming grace. He supplies generous, abundant compassion. He stirs with compelling hope. Pentecostal Holiness Christians are people of resurrection. WE ARE RESURRECTION PEOPLE!

The Lord supplies us with a theology of resurrection and new life. It is a theology of mission and not maintenance. Resurrection people provide an atmosphere where the alcoholic becomes sober, where the sinner finds grace, where embittered people find forgiveness, where wrongs are made right, where youth find a purpose of living, and where the naked are clothed.

In Matthew 28:8 the women "went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word." They were resurrection ladies. The reader should also read Hebrews 10:19-25 for more verses that speak of resurrection people.

Resurrection People are People of Prayer.

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication..." (Acts 1:14) "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42) "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they assembled together..." (Acts 4:31)

Resurrection People are People of Pardon.

"But God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us!" (Romans 5:8) "And the Lord added to the church daily, such as should be saved." (Acts 2:47)

Resurrection People are People of Purity.

They are people who have met the sanctifying properties of the blood of the savior. They have embraced the commandment, "Be ye holy as I am holy." They understand that the foundation of ministry is spiritual character, not giftings. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? He with clean hands and a pure heart!"

Resurrection People are People of Power.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." (Acts 1:8) "Greater is He that is within you than He that is within the world." Resurrection people are people of the Spirit. They are Pentecostals without apology. They witness as Pentecostals. They work as Pentecostals. They continue as the New Testament Acts.

Resurrection People are People of Promise.

Jesus of the first resurrection said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there you may be also." Resurrection people believe in the Second Coming. They look for it. They are excited about it. They work for the day they will hear – "Well done thou good and faithful people."

It is amazing the difference in lifestyle of people who know who they are. People who have a rich heritage and a bright future live differently in the present. If these thoughts be true, and they are, how much differently should Pentecostal Holiness people live. They are RESURRECTION PEOPLE.

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CHURCH NEWS

Luetta Paschall Morris Scholarship Established

On February 11 the Peniel Pentecostal Holiness Church paid tribute to Mrs. Luetta Paschall Morris in honor of her 85th birthday. Approximately 200 people filled the sanctuary for the morning worship service. The regular congregation, other friends, and family had come to share this day with her.

Before Pastor Jeff Bartlett brought the morning message, several presentations were made. Brenda Paschall Simpson presented a portrait of her Aunt Luetta to the church. The Butress Jackson family made a presentation of $1,500 to establish the Luetta Paschall Morris Scholarship Fund. These funds will be channeled through the local church. Johnny Jackson, in making the presentation, challenged others to match their giving. The funds will be available to help with the tuition of young people of the Peniel Church attending institutions of higher learning.

After the worship time, a covered dish was planned in the fellowship hall. Many from the church and visiting friends were given opportunities to speak about Mrs. Morris' influence on their lives and her contribution to the Kingdom work. Among these were the Reverend Chris Thompson, superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, the Rev. J. Doner Lee, a retired conference superintendent, the Rev. Wiley Clark, retired superintendent of the Falcon Children's Home and Mrs. Morris' stepson-in-law, and Mrs. Daisy Morris, wife of the late Rev. W. Eddie Morris and sister-in-law of Mrs. Luetta P. Morris.

As Luetta Paschall, she attended Holmes College of the Bible and continued to serve on the staff for approximately 12 years. She graduated from Furman University, and when family obligations necessitated her moving back to Garland, she established and pastored the Garland PH Church. She later pastored the Peniel Church for almost 12 years and led that fellowship into their present sanctuary building.

After her marriage to the late Rev. Harvey Morris, she joined him in ministry at the Gospel Tabernacle P.H. Church. Upon their retirement, they moved to Falcon. She served as mayor of Falcon for 12 years, after having served on the council for a number of years. During her tenure as mayor, many additions and improvements were made to the town. One addition was the town archives room located in the town hall.

Her ministry as a Sunday school teacher was put to use at the Culbreth Memorial P. H. Church where she taught one of the adult classes for 22 years. She resigned her class in April 2000 because she sustained vision impairment due to a stroke. She continues to encourage many folk daily from her home on Brooks Street in Falcon, North Carolina.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Luetta Paschall Morris Scholarship Fund, please make your check payable to Peniel Church and send it to P.O. Box 546, Roseboro, NC 28382. She will be notified of your kind gesture in her honor.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Rev. Vera Griffin ..... April 7
Rev. Jesse Horne ..... April 8
Rev. G. S. Holliday ..... April 11
Rev. S. J. Williams ..... April 16
Rev. W. J. Forehand ..... April 17

Rev. Rodney Knowles ..... April 23
Rev. Jettie Parker ..... April 24
Rev. Elton Lancaster ..... April 27
Rev. Georgia Osborne ..... April 28
Rev. Guy Prosper ..... April 29

Pastor/Teacher: Merrill Davis

Fresh Power: Experiencing the Vast Resources of the Spirit of God

by Jim Cymbala, Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 2001, 204 pages

There was nothing new here that I could find in terms of revelation and truth, but this new publication by Cymbala will bless your heart. Who doesn't need fresh power in the ministry? Our cultural influences tend to present another way of getting things done, an alternative to the Bible-tested way of prayer and dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Human wisdom is no match to Divine wisdom. Human power cannot replace God's power. When a minister or layperson depends on what he can do, then he gets what he can do. But when a believer depends on the Lord through prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit, then he gets what God can do. True and lasting accomplishments in the work of the ministry come only by the work that God does through His people.

My experience in reading this book disclosed that it was difficult to put down. I read half in one sitting, and then finished the book later. Often pastors and leaders in small churches experience guilt trips and guilt traps because they feel they do not measure up to other growing churches. Cymbala wrote, "The goal of Scripture is not fast growing Churches but rather congregations that please God. Unless the church doors are lovingly open to everyone, regardless of color and ethnic background, they are not fully open to the Holy Spirit." It is pleasing God in purity, submission, and prayer that brings the supply of the Spirit that fuels the ministry. Success is doing the will of God. He is the Lord of the Harvest. Only God can give the increase. Be sensitive to the fundamentals, and pay attention to detail and wait patiently and prayerfully for God to do the supernatural. Do what you can, and let the Lord do what you can't.

A sense of relief came over my being as I read and prayed over this book It strengthened and encouraged me greatly. Let me strongly encourage you to purchase this publication. You will not be disappointed!

131 Christians Everyone Should Know

by Mark Galli and Ted Olsen
Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2000, 384 pages

Recommended for young and mature Christians alike, this publication provides a great service for believers to help them understand the progression of early and late Christianity through men and women of God. Although several entries are questionable, such as Harry Emerson Fosdick and Walter Rauschenbusch, overall the book gives valuable information and insight into the movers and shakers of the Christian faith

A timeline providing dates and key events establishing the context of the times of the notable Christian is given for each entry. Furnishing enough information to understand the person and his or her achievements and influence, this book is worth the cost. It can serve as an excellent reference or as relaxing reading, as the editors provide interesting facts about some of the most fascinating people who have ever lived. There's nothing boring or ho-hum about this book. Highly recommended!

How To Survive In A World of Unbelievers

by John MacArthur
Nashville: Word Publishing, 2001, 184 pages

In typical John MacArthur fashion, the author examines the events and passages that deal with the words of encouragement from the Lord Jesus the night before He died at Calvary. Twelve chapters are included in this publication, each with a study guide that will prove helpful by offering a summary statement, thought-provoking questions, specific needs for prayer, and applying the truth. It could easily be made into a thirteen-week study for any Sunday school class or some other small group setting.

I was especially intrigued by the chapter on Judas Iscariot, the ultimate tragedy among the followers of Christ. At times he had the behavior of a saint but always the heart of a sinner. In fact, I plan to begin a series of messages on Judas later. Compare the hatred of Judas and the love of John, and you are well on your way to producing a faith-building message that will inspire any congregation or class or group.

The disciples facing the real world of unbelief, hate, pride, sin and degradation, false doctrine, and Satanic attacks needed strong encouragement from their Lord. The reading and study of this book, along with the Bible and sincere prayer, will bless you and encourage you along the way as well.

Order these books and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009, 1-800-541-1376.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

SPOTLIGHT ON MEN

BATTALIONS READY FOR BATTLE...OR BINGO?

"Men Moving In One Accord" is the North Carolina Men's Ministries stirring theme for 2001. If we as men of God are ever going to seek to move in one accord with the Holy Spirit, now is the time!

Everywhere we look there are people with some kind of pressing trouble or heartache in their lives. This tells me without a doubt that the enemy of our souls is hard at work.

Just look at the vicious attacks that are repeatedly assailing the family unit alone, even in our churches. Look at the enticing perils that threaten to overtake and engulf our young people. There is definitely a war going on!

As believing men, husbands, and fathers, we ***must*** *take the stance of a warrior!* ***In Ephesians 6:11, Jesus says,"Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."***

Let's not do this as a single soldier ***alone*** *on the battlefield. Let's do this as a mighty, powerful army,* ***together, "moving in one accord"****!*

This year's theme verse is ***Philippians 2:2: "Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."*** *Men, I urge you, begin your move against the enemy of God and His children today, by determining to steadfastly move in one accord with your family and with each other. We* ***can*** *make a difference in today's world by coming together as one body, unified in God's purpose and directed by the Holy Spirit.*

To be an effective army for God, we must bond ourselves together in one accord and in unity. ***Ephesians 4:3 says, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."***

"Endeavoring" means to make every effort, or to work hard at maintaining the unity of the Spirit. It is our responsibility, as ready warriors of God, to do everything we can to diligently protect that which the enemy is so determined to destroy.

Our families, pastors, friends, neighbors, churches, prayer partners, and all who seek to be righteous and pure are targets for destruction in Satan's diabolical battle plan. We must come together as ***"men moving in one accord"*** *in spiritual unity, so we can counteract this evil strategy as God's well-oiled army.*

Make no mistake: this will only happen if we faithfully put on God's whole armor daily and allow His Spirit to guide and lead us in the directions we must go!

REMEMBER: ***FALL ADVANCE – September 14 and 15***

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND AND BE A PART OF WHAT GOD IS DOING IN HIS ARMY!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 14 – Resurrection Breakfast
- June 10 – Laymen's Sunday
- August 1-10 – General Conference ... (The Men's Ministries General Convention will be August 6, and the Men's Ministries Pastor/Lay Breakfast will be on August 10.)

USHERS: **Remember, the first thing a visitor sees in our church is your smiling face.**

"A Disciple Making Ministry To Men In Every Church"

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference Director
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Vanceboro, NC 28586

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

Lines From Linda...

One of the joys of getting older is being able to enjoy your grandchildren. We are blessed to have our granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth, live near us and spend a lot of time with us. She truly brightens our lives and has made MUSH out of "Grandy Joe." She just turned two years old and is in that wonderful experimenting stage. She wants our full attention at all times, and I must admit she pretty much gets it when she is at our house.

It's no surprise to us that she really enjoys music. At church, she joins right in (sometimes when only the musicians are playing and no one else is singing.) At our house, she likes to sit on my lap to play the piano and sing. Her favorite, though, is listening to the Gaither music. She goes to the stereo and asks us to turn it on. Now, when she listens, she also sings...very jubilantly. When she sings, she wants everyone else to sing, and it doesn't stop there. She claps her hands, and she wants everyone in the room to clap their hands as well. She points to anyone not clapping and insists they join in. Without anyone teaching her or prompting her, she dances around with her hands uplifted. She is totally uninhibited in her enjoyment of good gospel music. (Who knows? Maybe she'll make a good praise and worship leader some day!)

I took her to choir practice with me one night. I will tell you, the Holly Hill choir really enjoys singing. When they sing, they truly make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Even though this was just a practice session, Sarah loved it. She just joined right in and sang along (in her own language, of course). However, she didn't stop there. She decided to clap and before long was moving all around with her hands uplifted. When choir practice was over, one of the choir members said "Well, I don't know about anybody else, but Sarah sure got a blessing tonight."

I am convinced that God is doing a work in her life. I believe the message of those songs is being fed into her spirit. As I observe Sarah, I am reminded that God created us to worship. I believe we are born with the innate ability to freely express our inner feelings. David recognized this and wrote in Psalm 8:2, *"You have taught the little children to praise you perfectly..."* TLB.

Thought you would like to see Sarah!

I can remember times from my childhood when my cousin and I played church. We would sing the old songs of the church and testify and "shout" all over the front porch. We took turns preaching. I remember us praying and crying out to God. In our childlike way, we prayed for people for whom we had heard requests given at church. To some this may have appeared to be just children playing, but I can tell you it was more. I still remember feeling the presence of the Lord during those times.

Somewhere between childhood and adulthood, people learn to suppress their innermost feelings. There is a tendency to clam up when it comes to spiritual freedom. Oh, it's different at a sports event or when watching a game show on television. We can rev it up and hoot and holler with the best of them. Yet in church, when we should feel freedom of expression, we are more concerned about what someone will think of us if we yield to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Does the scripture not tell us in 1 Thessalonians 5:19, *"Quench not the Spirit"?*

It's no wonder that Jesus said of children, *"...of such is the kingdom of Heaven."* Their free expression should set the example for us. In Heaven we will experience great freedom in worship and praise to the Lamb of God. Shouldn't we be practicing that here? Perhaps we need to take a few lessons from the little children.

Thanks, Sarah, for reminding "Mimi" to just let go and enjoy the message of that good old gospel music...to sing out loud and strong... to clap my hands...to unashamedly lift my hands in praise to the Lord...and, yes, to even dance in the Spirit when my feet just don't want to stay still. Isaiah was right when he said, *"A little child shall lead them."*

WHAT COUNTS

At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict, or not closing one more deal.

You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent.

—Barbara Bush

WM MEETINGS CAN BE FUN

The following e-mail was received by Linda Thomas from a member of the Greenville First Women's Ministries, proving to us that Women's Ministries meetings can really be lots of fun.

Linda Thomas, Supreme Ruler
Women's Ministries of the Northern Hemisphere

There have been some rather unusual things happening during our Women's Ministries meetings recently. In December, we saw something quite out of the ordinary in the yard of our local WM Director. Her eight-foot high bird house was completely wrapped in colored tree lights, giving it the appearance of an aviary dance hall. Perhaps you know our WM Director (Betty leRoux) and are aware

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that she is the sort of person who only uses the white tree lights for decorating. So, it is unlikely that she would have put them there herself. At the January joint-circle meeting, the podium from which our director was to speak had somehow been wrapped in the same style of colored tree lights which came on with a flash as she stepped up to it. We were all astounded.

Last night at the February meeting, I had heard it rumored that something was going on, but I'm not one to put much weight in idle gossip. And then, I received this e-mail today:

"The Lila Berry Gang has struck again, this time crashing a WM meeting in the home of Mrs. Marjorie Hardee. Lola and Lula Berry are the long lost sisters of the late Lila Berry, founder of Woman's Auxiliary. The triplets were separated at birth and raised apart from one another, each never knowing that the others existed.

You may recall that Lula Berry, technically the younger of the three, was rescued last May from an isolated island off the NC Outer Banks. She has not been in contact with other humans since the age of three, and her social skills have suffered because of it. She was picked up by the Coast Guard after they responded to a report of strange radio activity coming from the island. Lula had managed to construct a crude electronic buzzer system from various items found adrift and had been attempting to train the local squirrels and chipmunks for Bible Quiz. 'I just wanted a winning team to take to Falcon,' she told rescuers. Although she has no memory of ever being in Falcon, she says that she felt a strange compulsion to make the journey there. She is also reported as saying that squirrels learn much faster than do chipmunks.

The middle sister, Lola, was recently unearthed in Millennium, NC, during the festivities of the New Year's Celebration of 2000. She was reported as saying that the 'racket was enough to wake the dead.' Since her return, she has devoted her life to fundraising activities and toward attempting to form a marching band to perform for the next WM Day. She feels that her fundraising activities are in keeping with her sister Lila's beliefs, reminding us that dear old Dorcas of old time was brought back from the dead to keep 'working and serving' in the local Women's Ministries, too.

The two sisters presented a check to the chairman of the Education Committee. Their newly discovered nephew, Louie, also showed up holding a mysterious blue bow. It is believed that this may be the same bow that appeared with a large sign bearing the words 'IT'S A BOY' that was found in the yard of Barbara Phillips, chairman of the circle which the Berry sisters were visiting."

I just thought you should be made aware. Perhaps our local WM Director could benefit from your guidance in this situation. She should be instructed to take a firm hand in curtailing such behavior. Those two old ruffians should be put back in the Associate Circle where they belong. I will leave it to you to handle this matter.

Respectfully,
Anna leRoux, WM Member

It appears to me that Betty has her hands full keeping this crowd straight. I'm just waiting for an invitation to one of these meetings. WHAT A CREATIVE GROUP OF WOMEN! LT

Dates to Remember...

• **May 5...**	DIRECTORS' COUNCIL for all local WM Directors to meet with NCWM Board
• **June 2...**	GIRLS' MINISTRIES RETREAT/CONVENTION at the First Church in Goldsboro, NC
• **June 9...**	NCWM Convention in Falcon
• **August 5 & 6 ...**	GENERAL WM CONVENTION in Cincinnati, Ohio

RESURRECTION COOKIES

With Easter being next month, you might want to plan to use this recipe. Making these cookies together as a family is a great way to experience the Easter message. Read the whole recipe before beginning the activity which follows. Try to do this on Saturday night before Easter Sunday.

RECIPE: Preheat over to 300 degrees

INGREDIENTS NEEDED:	**ITEMS NEEDED:**
1 cup whole pecans	Large mixing bowl
3 egg whites	Wooden spoon
1 cup sugar	Bible
1 teaspoon vinegar	Ziplock bag
1 pinch of salt	Waxed paper
	Cookie sheet
	Tape

- Place PECANS in Ziplock bag and let children beat them with wooden spoon to break into small pieces. READ JOHN 19:1-3. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by Roman soldiers.
- Let children smell VINEGAR. Put 1 teaspoonful in mixing bowl. READ JOHN 19:28-30. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink.
- Add EGG WHITES to the vinegar. READ JOHN 10:10-11. Explain that eggs represent life and that Jesus gave His life to give us life.
- Sprinkle a little SALT into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. READ LUKE 23:27. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers and the bitterness of their own sin.
- So far the ingredients are not so appetizing. Add one cup SUGAR. READ PSALM 34:8 AND JOHN 3:16. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.
- Beat with mixer on high speed for 11 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Note that mixture turns white. READ ISAIAH 1:18 and JOHN 3:1-3. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.
- Fold in the broken NUTS. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper-covered cookie sheet. READ MATTHEW 27:65-66. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid.
- Put cookies in oven. Close the oven door and turn oven OFF. RE-READ MATTHEW 27: 65 and 66.

Give each child a piece of tape and let them seal oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed tightly.

- AT BEDTIME: READ JOHN 16: 20 and 22. Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed and they had to leave Jesus in it.
- RESURRECTION MORNING: Open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Resurrection Day, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. READ MATTHEW 28:1-9.

REACH 3-PLANT 3

The focus of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church for this year is CELEBRATE THE MISSION 2001. During this year, each local church has been challenged to reach out to the lost and to plant new churches.

In keeping with the REACH 3-PLANT 3 theme, NCWM leadership is asking local Women's Ministries directors in the North Carolina Conference to challenge each woman in her group to individually focus on three ladies who are unchurched and invite them to attend WM meetings.

Within this challenge also lies another challenge. That is to provide spiritually enriching programs, worship and fellowship whereby those invited guests can experience the presence of the Holy Spirit working in your meetings.

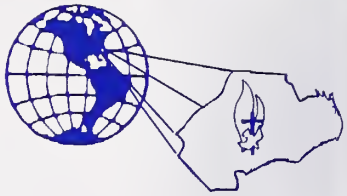
Think about the growth that could take place if each member of your WM group invited three new ladies each month. Think about the opportunity of winning those ladies to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call a council meeting. Plan strategies to implement this ministry outreach in your community. Women within your circle of influence are crying out for answers. They need the Lord. You can do something about it by implementing REACH 3 in your local WM during 2001.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"



Evangelism Missions Ministry March 2001

EVANGELISM:

It was a great day, a day anticipated by John Parker–Hispanic Coordinator, Superintendent Chris Thompson, and me. I am talking about Sunday, February 18. It was also a day anticipated by Pastor Juan Montes and his congregation, Prince of Peace Church in Newton Grove. This church had its first service November 1, 1999, and has from that service steadily grown. It was to be Sunday, February 18, that Prince of Peace would officially be organized and become a full member of the IPHC.

As we arrived on that cold blustery day, we were warmly met and greeted by Pastor Montes. We were then met by ushers and escorted to seats on the front row. When we arrived, a brother was doing a great job teaching a Sunday school class in the sanctuary on Ephesians 4:11,12. I know that he was doing a great job teaching because my interpreter, John Parker, told me so. This was a special day in the life of this church; however, it was also a special day for me and also an anxious day, because I was to preach my first message to a Hispanic congregation. Though I could understand only a small amount of what was going on, I enjoyed tremendously the presence of the Holy Spirit. The music and the singing were anointed and ushered us into the presence of God.

God has truly blessed the North Carolina Conference with a great opportunity to minister in the Hispanic community, and He has also placed in our midst John Parker, who has been tremendously instrumental in this expanding ministry. Bro. Parker is our Hispanic Coordinator and is also in charge of the Hispanic Credentials Committee, along with four Hispanic ministers. Brother Parker travels extensively over the area of our conference, making contacts with Hispanic churches and ministers; truly, he is a godsend. As of this article, we have 14 organized Hispanic churches and 9 other Hispanic congregations that we are working with. On March 11 we traveled to Wilson to organize a Hispanic congregation that has been sharing worship facilities with Friendship church pastored by Rev. Emmett Turner. Former Evangelism/Missions director, now Superintendent Chris Thompson has worked tirelessly the past two to three years to bring our Hispanic ministry to where it is today and it will continue to expand.

Bro. Thompson and Bro. Parker led the congregation in the official organization; the church leadership team was recognized; and when the time came to accept charter members, more than 60 people approached the altar area in response to the call. This is truly a strong church and is a great addition to this conference, along with its pastor, Juan Montes. The time came for me to preach the word with Bro. Parker interpreting; the message was, "Christ is the only Message, Mediator, Messiah". After the message and an extensive time of prayer, praise, and worship around the altar, we then closed with prayer and had a great meal with our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

Our goal this year is to plant and/or organize 10 churches. I believe we will meet and surpass that goal; to God be the glory. Perhaps in the next couple of months another Hispanic congregation in Benson will organize; Christ Cathedral of Praise with Pastor Al Marks will most likely be organized in May or June in Cary, and there is anticipation that the work in Raeford will soon be advancing forward because of the efforts of St. Paul's PHC and Pastor Ray Faircloth. There are a number of possibilities and target areas; however, we need God's guidance, and we need pastors who will respond to the call to plant and dig out churches; we also need established churches who will catch the vision to mother or plant churches. During the recent Christian Workers Institute, we had eleven of our pastors and churches who committed themselves to the Plant 3 challenge issued by the IPHC. That is, planting a church like yourself, planting a cross-cultural church, and planting a transnational church. I am truly enthused by this response and believe that there are other pastors and churches who will respond to this challenge. I have a great group of brethren to work with on the evangelism board; these are men of courage and vision, and you should be proud of them Pray for them to continue to be led and guided by the Holy Spirit.

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Coordinator Parker, Superintendent Thompson, and Pastor Juan Montes

The church board and Pastor Juan Montes

Charter Members

Director Nelson preaches as John Parker interprets his message

MISSIONS:

As we move on into the calendar year, I am constantly hearing great reports from all across the North Carolina Conference concerning Missions vision/excitement. This conference is blessed with many missions-minded pastors who lead their churches to be missions-minded; that is truly a blessing, and it opens the windows of heaven for them and their churches to be blessed. I commend the pastors of this conference for the zeal and vision that you have for missions. The year 2000 under the leadership of Director Chris Thompson was truly a banner year, and yet I'm sure he would agree that it could not have been done without faithful pastors, local missions directors, and local church people. 2001 will be a great year in every way; I believe that the constituency of this conference will respond with intense prayer and support for all our missionaries and missionary effort. I also believe that this year will be our greatest year ever in faith commitment, people-to-people, mug-a-month, Global Outreach (GO), and in every other level of missions giving.

Our goal is $1,350,000 in total giving for the year. Of that figure, our vision goal for the Global Outreach thrust is $250,000; I am already hearing great reports – offerings, challenges, efforts are already well under way. When you read this article, we will have approximately 2½ - 3 months to meet our goals. We can; we will. Pastors, keep up the challenge; local missions directors, keep up the challenge. We will realize our vision goal of $250,000. By the end of 2001 we plan to have missionaries in 100 countries, hopefully to have 200 missionaries, and greatly expand missions ministry on every front. The Great Commission of our Lord still rings as loudly and clearly today as when uttered 2000 years ago. Mark says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creatures [all men]." Matthew reads, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." Regardless of your favorite rendition of the Great Commission, the message and thrust are one, "GO!" Does this sound familiar? CELEBRATE THE MISSION!

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Charles Boyd
Church Education
Ministries Director

MASTERING TIME

We all have 24 hours in a day. No more and no less. How is it that some people seem to get so much more accomplished in those same 24 hours? They have learned to master their time. You too can learn to master your time before it masters you. Here are four principles that effective time managers live by.

The first thing to do when you get to your office in the morning is to plan your day. This plan should include a list of the six most important things you need to get done that day. Start on the most important and work on it till it's completed. Then check it off and start on the next and so on. Use this as a compass to keep you on course each day. There will be many unimportant things that try to get your attention off those six things. Use discipline to stay on your course.

LEARN

Ecclesiastes 10:10: "If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success." The more you know, the easier your work will become. The easier it becomes, the less time it takes to do, so you have more time. Make it a goal to learn something new every day by reading books, listening to tapes, or asking questions. Never go to bed until you have sharpened yourself both spiritually and mentally. Always be in growth mode.

EMERGENCY

Many people will come to you needing help with an "emergency." They will expect you to drop your schedule to take an "emergency" that isn't yours. You can be polite, encouraging, and helpful, and still fit it into your schedule when it's convenient for you.

THANKS

The average business person spends 27 hours a year on hold while on the phone. That's equivalent to three full workdays. Turn that time into productivity by writing your leaders thank you notes, opening your mail, organizing your desk or files, or working on never-ending paper work.

You can get more done in less time by diligently applying these time management principles. Now the question is, what are you going to do with all the extra time you're going to have?

Why Laughter Feels So Good

When's the last time you let loose a clear-the-decks, body-shaking, face-quivering belly laugh? Well, if it's been awhile, just look at the positive benefits you're missing out on.

Laughter:

- gives a soothing massage to almost all your body's organs,
- strengthens your immune system,
- improves your circulation and breathing,
- acts as a natural painkiller,
- makes you more alert,
- speeds up your metabolism and helps you digest your food, and
- stimulates creative, right-brain thinking.

Proverbs 17:22a
A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Falcon Youth Camp

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Speaker: Rose Boyd

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CELEBRATE THE MISSION
You Can Be Free

REACH3 — PLANT3

The theme for the N.C. Conference for 2001 is "Celebrate the Mission – You Can Be Free!" The Conference has much to celebrate. We have a sovereign Lord who died for us, loves us, and has planned a bright future for us. In the last ten years, the Conference has grown from 18,500 church members to 25,041. That is a gain of over 6,500 members, or 26% of the present members. The average morning worship attendance has gone from 13,000 plus to over 17,000, some 31% increase. The Lord has certainly blessed us.

The Psalmist said:

Celebrate God.
Sing Together – everyone!
All you honest hearts, raise the roof!
Good people, cheer God!
Right-living people sound best when praising.
Use guitars to reinforce your Hallelujahs!
Play his praise on a grand piano!
Invent your own new song to him;
Give him a trumpet fanfare.

The Message, Psalm 32:11, 33:1-3

Truly, the Lord is to be praised for who He is! He is also to be praised for making the believer free. We can celebrate our mission in Him. We are free from sin. We are free to worship. We are free to serve. We are free to witness. The spirit of celebration and freedom is open to everyone. We in the IPHC believe that everyone can come to know Him.

On April 6 the conference was called to prayer and fasting for the Reach 3 Plant 3 emphasis. The emphasis was introduced, and materials were distributed at this year's Christian Worker's Institute in February. It is great material, but it can be effective only as the Lord directs, anoints, and blesses. Hopefully, every church designated and participated in the prayer day. The staff at the conference office participated in the special prayer day.

The Reach 3 Plant 3 emphasis is simple but powerful. Every member of the IPHC is challenged to win three people to the Lord (hopefully each year). Even new pastors should be recruiting those who will sign the Reach 3 challenge. Every church is challenged to plant or help plant three new churches: one like itself, one cross-culturally, and one beyond its borders (transnationally). Individuals and churches have been and are being asked to set up Lighthouses of Prayer. Prayer does make a difference! Without Him we can do nothing! Brother Danny Nelson is signing up those churches who accept the challenge. WIN Director Lydia Figueroa is assisting in signing up those for Lighthouses of Prayer.

On May 6 each pastor should have communicated to the conference office the goals of his congregation, his Reach 3 participants, and a list of those who have agreed to be a Lighthouse of Prayer. After that date, the conference totals can be calculated.

The challenge is before us! What can we do for Him? What will we hope to do for Him? What will He do through us?

Special Note: General Conference Update

Presently, some 204 individuals have signed up to attend the General Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 1 - 10 (all activities). This is some 24% over the number in 1997. Praise the Lord!

We need many, many more to go. The General Conference, held every four years, determines the polity of our church for the next four years. We need to be well represented.

Every certified ordained minister is automatically a delegate. Every certified minister who is pastoring is a delegate. Every organized church may have one lay delegate. All clergy and lay who are members of conference boards are delegates. Every delegate, clergy and lay, must be certified by the conference office. Additional lay delegates will be certified to balance the number of clergy delegates.

All certified delegates must officially register directly with Oklahoma City. They also must make their own housing and travel arrangements.

We are the largest conference and the BEST. Let's have the largest delegation in Cincinnati.

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CHURCH NEWS

Stantonsburg Church News

The Stantonsburg P.H. Church was recently given 53 books for our library by Rev. Selma Webb in memory of her late husband, Thomas Webb. They cover a wide range of topics relating to Christian reading, and also included are a good number of books that will benefit anyone called into ministry here at the church. May God bless Sister Webb and her family for this great asset to our church. The library was officially available for use on March 25, 2001, and a plaque of appreciation was given to the Webb family on this date.

Pastor Tony F. Hawley
Stantonsburg, P.H. Church

Available for Service

Peggy Jordan is a licensed local church minister. She is currently studying for ordination. Sister Jordan is the missions director, a Sunday school teacher, and evangelist for Harvest Fellowship Church in Shallott. In the past, she has been active in the GEMS Ministry. She has been the Prison Ministries director for six years. During this time, over 1200 souls have been saved and lives changed for the glory of the Lord. She has held revivals in Lakeland, Florida, and Brunswick County, NC. She is a member of the board for the Women's Aglow and has been a speaker. She is anointed and flows freely in the gifts of the Spirit. She is available to come and give testimony of God's healing power in her life for the past five years. She can be reached at 910-754-6976, or write her at:

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Rev. W. M. Watkins .....May 20
Rev. J. Garland Edwards .....May 20
Rev. Thomas Bizzell .....May 21
Rev. McElree Purifoy .....May 28
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Book Review

PASTOR/TEACHER: MERRILL DAVIS

Boiling Point: Monitoring Cultural Shifts in the 21st Century

by George Barna and Mark Hatch.
Ventura, California: Regal Books, 2001, 325 pages

Change. We might as well get used to this word because it best describes the kind of world, cultures, and times we experience in this postmodern era. These are rapidly changing times. The Christian worker cannot afford to stick his or her head in the sand like an ostrich and subsist in a state of denial. The Church must face reality and prepare for the shifting of world views, core values, lifestyle preferences, technologies and forms of church if it is to make a difference in the lives of people, saved or unsaved. If this is true, wouldn't it be good to know where we are headed?

This publication, by the founder and president of Barna Research Group, which provides valuable statistics and insight into the modern world for Christian churches and ministries, offers the latest insight into the critical issues that the Church will face in years to come.

Just as *The Frog in the Kettle*, presented insight into the life of the fictional character Jill and her world in 2000, so *Boiling Point* gives the reader a glimpse of the kind of world Jill will encounter in 2010. At the close of this decade, what will be the world's spiritual needs? Will the church be poised to address these needs and remain relevant in the changing times? Or will the church answer questions no one will ask and remain out of touch with reality?

Do not misunderstand the concern of the reviewer. Some things do not and should not change. God doesn't change. His immutability reaches from eternity past to eternity future. The Word of God doesn't change. The great doctrines of the faith should not change. The Great Commission needs no modification. Spiritual principles remain true, timeless, and transcultural. Truth never vacillates. The way to heaven never changes. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever! The Holy Spirit possesses the same incommunicable attributes as the Father and the Son. He is God of God, a Person, not a force or power. I'm glad some things never change.

Barna helps the reader understand the major shifts coming in the years ahead, such as cyberchurches, genetics (clones), virtual schools, global corporations, increasingly integrated national economies, explosive growth and influence of pornography, racial tensions, cohabitation, and generational differences. Yet as the cultures of the world change, will the church be ready to address the needs of humanity and represent uncompromisingly the immutable and enduring God of the universe? What should the Church do? How will these things affect the make-up and ministry of the churches of tomorrow? Will we be prepared?

Barna asks, "In the midst of spiritual performances that tickle people's ears and dazzle their eyes, will there be a place for Jesus to move in their hearts?" Will there be a place for denominations in 2010? He adds, "It is no longer fashionable for churches to be liturgical, traditional, liberal or denominational." Do we change to satisfy consumers, or do we hold onto tradition and the need for organizational ties and accountability a denominational provides? Should we alter our church structure and purpose to satisfy people whose philosophies and world views radically differ from ours? Should we change our doctrine and beliefs to accommodate the unchurched, to make our message more "attractive" and "less offensive?" These grave issues provide impetus for discussions, prayer, and trusting the Lord and His anointed leaders for answers.

In these changing times when storms of doubt and fear assail, make sure you have the anchor for your soul which will hold any believer in any storm. My anchor holds; how about yours?

Get ready to be stirred as you read this publication, It should be on the shelves, after having been read and studied many times, of all serious Christian servants.

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Scarred Hands

In most children's stories the introduction usually begins, "Once upon a time," or "In the beginning." This story has a different introduction because there was no beginning. This story is about a father's hands and the true meaning of love and loyalty to His children.

Consider this. The mighty hand of God can vaguely be summed up, according to our history, in this manner. In the infinite span of time, there arrived the need for acquaintances. With His hands, God created the angels.

God then saw the need to create a universe of intricate design. With superior precision, each star was hand-shaped to light up this massive space. Planets of exceptional colorings and amazing design were then placed by hand in their new homes.

"What I have done is good... but it is not enough." Alas, God longed for a family. With the power that created the universe, these mighty hands created life. The magnificent design and incredible complexities were surpassed by the image of this man who was made in His own likeness. These children would be His lineage.

Let's take a second to ponder this choice God made. This body, with its complex abilities, was created to harness the very essence and spirit of the man. This elaborate structure comprised a conscious mind with the ability of choice. This free will allows man to decide his own life's path and hold his own fate. Through God's love, He grants man this so that we can love and follow Him freely. Not all of God's children chose this course.

In a span of time, His children turned from Him and fell captive to the corrupt ways of sin. This sin became a prison and held tight to its prisoners. God again showed his love for His children by making provisions for their release.

God stepped down from his home in the heavens and came to earth, became human, and walked among us. He chose to face this sin and pay the ultimate price for release and redemption.

He allowed His wonderful hands, these hands that created the angels, the universe, and man, to be mutilated. Hard steel spikes with a hammer to drive them pierced His hands and drove them into a wooden cross. This was not satisfactory for sin. Additional steel spikes were driven through His precious feet. His body was suspended from this wooden display of hatred and ridicule. Yet this would not satisfy sin. God's sacrifice became apparent and through His choice for our behalf... died.

How many stories have we heard end when the hero dies? The wrongs have been righted and goodness overcame, yet the hero has to die.

This story does not end that way, for in three days of His death, he has risen, and in His scarred hands He has the keys to hell and the prison that holds His children captive.

You say, "Wow, what a story!" Would you believe there is more?

This story continues today. God is using His nail-scarred hands to touch our hearts, heal our bodies, save our souls, raise the dead, and carry us when we fall.

What a fitting end to this story, but is it? Remember when I began this true record of God, I mentioned that there is no beginning for the story because the Father is timeless. Well, if that's the case, then for obvious reasons there can be... no end.

–Michael Reynolds

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

A Journey Towards Christ

Several years ago, a dad and his 5-year-old son went to Beaufort, N. C., on a fishing trip. To face the cold January day, they dressed in heavy clothing After loading the boat with their fishing gear, they excitedly left the boat docks, eager to begin their fishing adventure!

Satisfied they had found just the right spot on the water, they slipped the anchor overboard and cast their baited hooks into the water. Others followed their lead, and soon several boaters were fishing nearby them. The dad tried his luck over the side of their boat while his son stood at the back. When the dad snagged a catch, he would spin around toward the back of the boat so his "big boy" could take the fish off the hook. Then as can often happen on the water, a big boat went speeding by them, leaving a large wake in its trail. The hard wave violently rocked the duo's boat. Out of the corner of his eye, the dad saw his young son falling out of the back of the boat. Before he knew what he had done, the dad dropped his fishing pole and leaped through the air, catching his son before they both hit the water. A strong current was flowing that day. Each time the dad and his son surfaced, they saw that the current was pulling them farther away from their boat. Several attempts from nearby fishermen to throw them a safety line failed. The dad was becoming very exhausted as he tightly held his son with one hand, while frantically trying to reach the safety line with the other. Finally, he caught the line and they were pulled to safety. Later, when the 5-year-old was asked if he was scared, he simply replied, "No... my daddy's arm was around me the whole time. I knew I was safe."

The almost tragic day ended, but the dad never forgot what almost happened. Time passed, and the 5-year-old became a 9-year-old. A church in their community was planning a children's Christmas play. A teacher's aide at the boy's school attended this church and was in charge of the play. Knowing the boy did not attend church, she asked the 4th grader if he would like to be in their play. He enthusiastically accepted. So for the next several weeks, she came by his house and picked him up for practice. His dad and mom promised him they would come see him in the program. The night of the program came. After it was over, the children were invited into the fellowship hall for a Christmas party. The son asked his dad to go back with him, so the dad did. After enjoying refreshments, the children were asked to have a seat. The dad stood near a wall, quietly out of the way. The lady in charge of the program began to pass out presents. All the children received a gift except his son. The boy looked up at her with a sad face and asked, "Where is my gift?" She told him that only the children who were members received presents. The dad's heart was crushed when he saw the look on his son's face. Taking his boy by the hand, they found his mom and left, never to return to that church again.

Quickly the years slipped by. Soon the boy was a 13-year-old "doing" junior high. Unfortunately, he made friends with the wrong crowd. He and his friends were known as the tough guys. One day for fun, they cornered a boy in the school bathroom and started pushing him around. No one would have guessed the boy and their victim had been longtime friends. The troublemakers got caught, and the principal met with his dad and mom to discuss what to do. The concerned parents promised to handle the situation, but they really didn't know what they were going to do. You see, they couldn't talk to God and ask Him for wisdom because they were not Christians. A couple of days later, the father of the bullied boy called, asking if the two fathers and sons could get together and talk. When they met, the other father began telling them that he was a leader of a boy's group called Royal Rangers in his church. The Rangers had a camping trip planned and he invited the troubled boy to come along. The teen went and had a great time! He liked it so much, he started attending the weekly Wednesday night meetings with them. Soon he began attending the Sunday church services as well. Before long, the young man accepted Jesus as his Savior! It wasn't long before his dad and mom started coming to church with him. Soon both of his parents asked Jesus to come and live in their hearts as well! They became a part of the church, and shortly after, the boy's sister received Christ as her Savior! So what can we learn from this story of a boy and his family's journey toward Christ?

First, we can learn that just as that little boy felt completely safe in an ocean of water because his daddy's arm was around him, so does God want His children to feel safe and secure because He always has His arm around us!

Second, we can learn that others may sometimes overlook us and leave us out. But Jesus never does! His gift of love and salvation is ready and waiting for all who will just receive it!

Last, we are reminded what happens when "good" people choose the wrong road. Thankfully, God sent a Christian man to offer this boy a detour. God used His servant to bring a whole family to Christ.

So never stop praying for the lost and looking for ways to treat them with love and kindness. You never know when God might want to use you to win a family like this to the Lord. I know they'll be thankful – because I am. You see, I am the dad, and this boy is my son.

"A Disciple Making Ministry To Men In Every Church"

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

Lines From Linda...

Have you noticed the number of mini-storage units springing up all over the place? The fact that they are multiplying so rapidly is evidence that people have more possessions than they have room to contain.

I guess in seeing the many storage units, I began to think of how many "things" we accumulate. I certainly can't point a finger at anyone else, as I am as guilty as the next one. I haven't rented a storage unit, but I do have every nook and cranny filled with the fruit of thirty-eight years worth of household goods, clothing, equipment, papers, books, and such. Why is it that we want to hold on to these material things? We certainly could live with much less than we have.

When all our children were at home, our house was filled with their presence and belongings. Now that they are all grown and on their own, our house is still filled with stuff... granted, a little of it still belongs to the children. (Do they ever move everything out?)

At any rate, the mini-storage units bring to mind the biblical account of the rich man whose ground brought forth plentifully. His harvest brought forth more fruit than he had space to store. He wondered what he would do with it all, so he decided to tear down the small storage barns he had and build bigger ones. He took great pride in his possessions. He gloated in the fact that he had much goods laid up for many years.

We read this story and wonder why the rich man was so selfish. Why did he choose to hoard his goods, even at the expense of building bigger barns? Why didn't he just keep what he needed and not try to accumulate so much?

Yet we must ask ourselves the question, "Are we any different?" Do we not keep accumulating as if we are going to live forever? Why do we try to hold on to more than we need when there are others who need some of our overabundance? How much food is in our cupboards? How many dishes are in our cabinets? How about all the different kitchen gadgets we enjoy? Have we inventoried our closets for shoes and clothing lately? How many knickknacks are on our shelves? More importantly, what is stored in the attic that we haven't used in years? Are we like the rich man ... needing bigger barns to store more and more goods just in case we need them in the future?

Most of us are blessed with abundance. Like the rich man, if we're not careful, we may find ourselves taking pride in our blessings. We may decide to keep storing up earthly goods while we ignore the needs around us and perish spiritually.

As we read the end of the story, we know that God called the rich man a fool. Because he kept all his blessings for himself and was so sure of his future, his life was taken. He couldn't take his possessions with him, so what good were they to him then? Wonder what happened to his bigger barns?

Recently, Joe and I have had to sort through the possessions of his aunt, who died a few weeks ago and left him as executor. I guess this experience has again reminded me of how unimportant "things" are. She was a Christian and did not place great value on her worldly possessions. However, in going through her belongings, I have been reminded that, when God calls us home, we leave worldly possessions behind. It is only what we have given to God that will go with us into eternity.

It is amazing what a soul-searching journey the mini-storage units have taken me on. This morning I went to my closet and took out several dresses and carried them to a lady who I know needs them. I'm also clearing out the attic to contribute items to our WM yard sale (proceeds go to Feast of Ingathering to help young people get a college education in one of our church-supported colleges). I have shelves of books and various other items that I plan to share. Yes, I really do have a lot of stuff I can share, and I am taking this awakening seriously. I really do not want to cling selfishly to material things above and beyond what I need.

The scripture teaches us that we are to lay up our treasures in Heaven ... not on this earth. This being the case, I want to focus on filling that place God has prepared for me in eternity. I really don't need a bigger barn here! Do you?

A MOMENT WITH HIM

We mutter, we sputter
We fume and we spurt.
We mumble and grumble,
Our feelings get hurt.
We can't understand things,
Our vision gets dim.
When all that we need...
Is a moment with Him!

—Corrie ten Boom

A Mother's Day Gift

Make a shut-in or nursing home resident feel loved on Mother's Day with this simple gift suggestion.

It's time for May flowers! Decorate clay pots with paints and spray with a clear polyurethane finish. Fill the clay pot with potting soil and plant small flowers. You will want to choose plants that do not require a lot of attention. You may want to tie a pretty ribbon around the pot for a finishing touch. Of course, you'll want a pretty card signed by your members to accompany this. Have WM members personally deliver this token of love and spend time in fellowship and prayer.

The Annual
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
First Thursday of May

2001 NCWM RETREAT HELD IN WILMINGTON

Sonda Boles shares "Amy's Story"

GRACE brought blessing in song.

CELEBRATE HIS PRESENCE was the theme of the annual NCWM Retreat, which was held at the Hilton Riverside in Wilmington, NC, on March 16 and 17, 2001. The Friday night program, a monologue presentation entitled *Aunt Fanny*, was presented by Darlene Neptune from Naples, Florida. Darlene brought Fanny Crosby back to life in our minds as she wore a period costume and so vividly portrayed the famous hymn writer. Her presentation consisted of the life story of Fanny as well as the singing of her hymns. Darlene travels all over the United States sharing the history of Fanny Crosby.

On Saturday morning, Sonda Boles, of the Kinston First Church shared "Amy's Story" as a testimony of God's faithfulness through a time when her baby daughter was near death from a tragic accident. She gave an account of the numerous miracles God performed in restoring Amy. Her persistence in keeping her child covered with prayer was evident, and her account of the details was soul stirring.

Darlene Neptune gives testimony of healing.

Darlene Neptune finished the morning with a concert of gospel music and her own testimony of a miraculous healing. She was diagnosed with a brain tumor and had treatment which did no good. However, as her doctors were performing a scan of her brain, they watched the tumor disappear before their eyes. She left the hospital a changed woman. On the way home, she and her husband, Dennis, determined to spend the rest of their lives witnessing to the healing power of God through ministry and song. Her message climaxed with a glorious season of prayer... to the extent that there was no benediction. The retreat ended with people celebrating the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Both Friday night and Saturday morning, the capacity crowd enjoyed the Praise and Worship music led by the Gateway Pentecostal Holiness Church Praise and Worship Team as well as the special music by Grace, a gospel music ladies' trio from Burgaw.

In spite of some frustration with hotel reservations, the ladies were blessed to have shared this time of praise, worship, and fellowship together.

A special thanks to NCWM board members, district directors, and all program participants for making this a memorable event for North Carolina Conference Women's Ministries ladies.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE

J. Otis Ledbetter and Kurt Bruner in their book *YOUR HERITAGE* share five key qualities to a healthy family fragrance, each of which contributes to an environment of love in the home. They call them *The Fragrance Five*.

Fragrance 1: Demonstrate love — hugs, kisses, and all that wonderful mushy stuff.

Fragrance 2: Give each individual the respect he or she deserves.

Fragrance 3: Create a clear structure that keeps things organized.

Fragrance 4: Laugh and have fun together.

Fragrance 5: Praise each other, building

Celebrate the Mission

CELEBRATE JESUS!

North Carolina Conference Women's Ministries Convention

Speaker: Mrs. Peggy Eby

IPHC General WM Secretary

WM Recognitions & Awards

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J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege to attend one of our church's missions conventions. It was held on a Wednesday night with an excellent meal, tremendous fellowship, lots of people, and followed by a well put together program. Following is a report that I requested of the Mount Carmel Pentecostal Holiness Church. Thank you, church and Pastor Strickland, for all that you are doing.

The entire month of March each year is designated as "Missions Emphasis" month at Mount Carmel Pentecostal Holiness Church. The emphasis begins the first Sunday of the month and continues throughout March, with a particular focus each Sunday. During the month, a special missions meal and service is also conducted. Each Sunday during the month, a member of the missions committee is responsible for giving a missions challenge for a selected area of giving. These areas include faith commitment cards, Mug a Month, freewill offerings, and People to People ministries. By focusing on each individually, the members at Mount Carmel have the chance to receive more in-depth information about the selected missions ministry. This year the missions ministry updates were given by Linda Faircloth, who discussed faith commitment cards; Ron Potter, who detailed the Mug a Month program; Leslie Canipe, who highlighted freewill offering opportunities; and Lola Cavalier, who explained the People to People program.

One of the highlights of the "Missions Emphasis" month is the annual church family meal. This year the meal was held on Wednesday evening March 6. The dinner was served in the Mount Carmel fellowship hall. Each family was asked to bring a dish to pass that represented one of their favorite countries. More than 100 people enjoyed fun, food, family, and fellowship. There was a great variety of yummy foods, all with a mind to World Missions. Dinner lasted about an hour, and then church members, guests, and missionaries were ushered into the sanctuary for the start of the missions service.

Pastor Gary Strickland opened the missions service with congregational singing and a prayer. After the opening prayer, Jan Carter sang a lovely special, and Kay Steedly blessed hearts with another special song. Pastor Strickland then introduced our special guests, the new N.C. Conference Missions Director, Reverend Danny Nelson and his wife, Rose. Brother Danny talked about Mount Carmel's willingness and faithfulness to be a missions-minded church and about having a missions-minded pastor. He told the congregation that Mount Carmel is a "seven star" church, and that this is an accomplishment worthy of praise. Reverend Nelson said that the designation meant that Mount Carmel was being faithful to fulfill its part of the Great Commission. Brother Danny then went on to introduce the three missionary families who were represented in the service. The missionaries who were there included Ron and Phyllis Roy, along with their daughter, Amber, Albert Gonzales, and Nancy Berry. All the missionaries introduced themselves and gave a brief word of welcome. Pastor Strickland then gave a brief challenge on being missions minded. He talked about the importance of missionaries, evangelists and us, as the body of Christ, all being vital links to getting out the message of the Gospel. It involves commitment not only of our finances and prayers but also of our time and our associations with people. Brother Gary ended the service with prayer around the altar for our missionaries, evangelists, and all the church leadership team.

Prior to the missions meal and after the missions service, each of the missionaries had a table set up to talk with individual members of the church family and to discuss the works that they were doing. Brother Ron and his wife, Phyllis, discussed their work in Guadalajara, Mexico, and their work at planting churches in that city. Brother Albert came and represented the work in Thailand that both he and his wife, Jiep, will be doing. Brother Albert commented on the fact that his wife would be joining him within the week and how excited he was to see her after a month-and-a-half absence. Sister Nancy Berry represented both herself and her husband, Linwood. She shared about their work in Spain and throughout SW Europe, where they serve as ministry missionary coordinators. The tables gave each missionary the opportunity to visit one on one with many of the congregation who were present. It was also a great way to involve ourselves personally with each of the missionaries.

Bill & Lola Cavalier, *Reporters*

Evangelism
May 2001

"and without me you can do nothing"

by: Danny Nelson

Recently, while reading some familiar verses in Matthew 9, I received quite a different take on verses 36-38, especially verse 38. Most of the time these verses are used in challenging and motivating Christians to catch the vision for world missions, yet I believe these verses contain an equal challenge to us to evangelize not just on the world front but on the home front as well. Jesus, birth the vision in me, in us, to see the vast harvest lying at our doors. I pray that the Holy Spirit will seize my heart, our hearts, with the same challenge Jesus gave to the disciples in John 4:35, "Do you not say, it is still four months until harvest time comes? Look! I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields and see how they are already white for harvesting" (*Amplified Version*). The disciples were too busy asking questions: why was Jesus concerned with this woman, and who in the world had fed HIM? They were missing out on a significant spiritual benefit. To our Lord, wherever He went and as He dealt with the masses or individuals, they represented souls, wandering, lost, as "sheep without a shepherd." The same picture is playing itself out today. Jesus quite often spoke of the fields, the soils, the seed, the farmer, the crops, the harvest. In John 4:35, He is challenging us to raise our eyes from the urgent and the important, from the necessities in life, and to see the hungry masses, the spiritually hungry masses, and understand that they are hungry for a life-changing experience; they are ready to be harvested for the kingdom.

From John 4:35 and Matthew 9:37,38 the spiritual harvest of souls is evident.

It is quite clear as we read Matthew 9, especially verse 38, that Jesus performed many miracles and spoke peace and forgiveness to many souls; yet in the same context, verses 37,38, Jesus makes it clear that the harvest will not be reaped unless WE catch the vision of lost souls and enter into the harvest.

America, in spite of all her economic boom in recent years, in spite of all her intellect, in spite of all her security, is largely a nation of people groping about lost in sin, who need the Savior. In verse 36, Jesus saw a vast multitude of people, and was immediately, "moved with compassion" because He saw their hearts that they were bewildered (harassed, distressed, dejected and helpless - *Amplified Version*); they were as sheep without a shepherd. Imagine, every characteristic that one could use to describe sheep is parallel to humans. The Savior, who has just taken a swing through the region teaching, delivering, and healing the sick, now says, "Fellows, the harvest is truly plenteous; it's time that you become a harvester".

There are several thoughts we need to visit again from verses 36-38. First, Jesus was moved with compassion–the thought in this phrase is that His compassion and concern moved Him, stirred Him to action, to intervene. He saw them as an unharvested field, ready to be reaped. Second, He gained His disciples' attention and focused their attention on the same multitude and said to them, here is a harvest right before your eyes. It is a harvest just waiting, ready to be reaped. In 2001, the harvest is even more plenteous and just as ready to be brought into the kingdom. Third, those who are actively reaping the harvest are few. Statistics show that 96% of Christians have never won a soul to Christ. What a tragedy! What an indictment against us as individuals and the Church. Fourth, Jesus points out the importance, place, and power of prayer when He said, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest." In other words, there must be intensive, importunate prayer made by the saints that God the Father will, "force out and thrust laborers" into the harvest (*Amplified Version*). Can there be any doubt that the Holy Spirit is impressing on us, the Church, the urgency of our times in these verses? As He said in John 4:35, "Raise your eyes and observe the fields how they are already white unto harvesting." In the dawning of the 21st century, there must be a re-emphasis on prayer that will move heaven and cause the hand of omnipotence to be laid on men and women in conviction to bring in the harvest, and also that God's calling will be extended to raise up church planters for the task ahead. My request is that in the North Carolina Conference a "crop" of church planters will be brought to the front, who will respond to God's call and answer the challenge to dig out churches. There are a number of locations in Eastern North Carolina who need the IPHC witness, and in the next few years we have to do all that is possible to fulfill this challenge. Remember the harvest is His: one sows, another cultivates, and another waters, yet it is God who gives the increase. God has wonderfully blessed us with two new Hispanic Churches organized this year. In February, we organized the Prince of Peace Church in Newton Grove with Pastor Juan Montes; and in March, we organized the Divine Manifestation Church in Wilson with Pastor Miguel de la Cruz. Soon, we will organize the Benson Hispanic Church. On April 8, Brother John Parker and I visited a seven-month-old Hispanic work near Clinton. In a tiny structure there were 106 worshipers with Pastor Manuel Cornejo. The Smithfield Church began the week of April 15 a Hispanic work in its facility with pastor Rudolpho Olivo. The Chapel of Hope Hispanic Church is off and progressing positively with Pastor Francisco Suero. July 29 has been set as the date to organize Christ Cathedral of Praise in Cary. Pastor Ray Faircoth of St. Paul's P.H. Church is going forward with plans to plant a work in Raeford. There are also plans in the Mount Olive Church to begin a Hispanic work sometime this year. In the next 2-3 months, investigation will be made into the possibility of a work in the Manteo-Kill Devil Hills area. To God be the glory, for all that He is doing through His people. God is truly, UP TO SOMETHING in the North Carolina Conference.

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CHANGE... *is Here to Stay*

Taken from an article written by John Maxwell, "Influencing Change - The Leader Goes First"

Change is not new. Just think about travel. The wheel, one of man's greatest inventions, was introduced around 2000 B.C. It wasn't until the 15th century that the first carriage, suspended by ropes and chains, appeared in Europe. The 18th century saw the development of the steam engine, and in 1903, the Wright brothers made their historic flight. It took only thirty-six years from that point for the first turbojet to be in flight, and twenty-six years later, in 1959, the Soviet's Sputnik was launched into space. Just ten short years later, on July 11, 1969, Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. The "giant step for mankind" was just the beginning of the technological boom that continues today at a breakneck pace. What's next?

The point is that change has been with us for a long time and is here to stay. The only difference is that change is happening much more rapidly. It is estimated that computer technology is completely revolutionized every 18 months!

1. **Change is not an opinion in the life of a leader.**
   Leaders are not the ones at a party who try to get everyone into the pool by telling them how warm the water is. Leaders jump in first. Leaders go first, and when it comes to change, leaders must be the first to lead the way as well. It has become clear to me in over 30 years as a leader that if I don't change, the people around me will not change either.

2. **Change is inevitable.**
   To quote Bob Dylan, "The times, they are a' changing." You can't prevent it. No matter how much you like things the way they are, you can't stop change.

   In the time it takes to write this article, new potential treatments for cancer have been discovered, new computer advances have taken place, two families have left your church! Don't fight it; go with it. More importantly, seek it out as an opportunity from God to remain relevant so you can get the Gospel to more people.

3. **Change is necessary.**
   The Gospel itself calls for change. Change is at the core of what the cross of Christ stands for... life change.

   Consider that:
   - Jesus began His ministry calling people to change. (Matt. 4:17)
   - Jesus challenged and changed the prevailing religious system. (Matt. 5:20; Heb. 8:13)
   - Jesus spent much time calling people to and preparing people for change. (Luke 5:36-39)
   - Jesus showed the benefits of change. (Matt. 5:3-12)
   - Jesus taught the practical aspects of change. (Matt.7:24-27)
   - Jesus gave His apostles authority to be agents of change. (Matt. 10:1)
   - Jesus died so change in people could be possible. (Rom. 5:6)
   - Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower people for the process of change. (Acts 1:8)

   Successful change in an organization is the leader's responsibility. This article deals with that responsibility, but on a personal level. As a leader, you must be continually changing, or the organization will not successfully change in a productive way over a long period of time.

4. **Change is healthy.**
   Change brings with it a freshness, a newness like the changes of the seasons, graduation, marriage, birth, and even death. We are renewed and are bigger, better, stronger people because of change – according to how we personally respond to it as leaders.

We will continue this article on "Change" in next month's issue of The Evangel. Read about the leader's preparation for change.

Royal Rangers

2001 Ranger of the Year

Falcon was abuzz March sixteenth through the seventeenth as Ranger boys and Commanders from all over the Conference gathered for the District and Conference selection of the Ranger of the Year (ROY). Previously, this event has been held in conjunction with the different district and the conference Talent Quest events. This year, to allow the boys an opportunity to participate in both Talent Quest and ROY without feeling rushed or compromising their effort in either event, the ROY became a separate single weekend event. This format also allowed additional activities for the boys.

One of those activities was made possible by a nearby military installation that provided a mobile weather observation vehicle and a team of five soldiers who made two separate presentations for the boys regarding weather. The visit of the observation vehicle and the weather information provided will help the boys toward earning the weather merit. When we think about weather, we usually think with respect to conditions relatively close to the ground. High in the atmosphere, the conditions can be very different. For example, the temperature can be hot and muggy below and well below freezing high in the clouds.

Another very popular activity was the pinewood derby race. "Gentlemen, start your engines!" was heard as the ROY boys raced their pinewood derby cars. Each boy participating in the ROY was given the opportunity to enter a car that he had built. Each car was judged on appearance and, of course, speed. Winners were selected from the different age categories. As the boys and the crowd cheered, the cars rolled down the track to the finish line. Much care was given to the positioning of the car for optimum performance in each lane. Due to sophisticated computer-tuned tracking and the great performance of many cars, the outcome was suspenseful and exciting. Winners were presented with handsome trophies and enjoyed the attention on their victory lap.

Additional games and activities, such as testing their frontier skills by throwing a knife and tomahawk at a target, provided the boys with plenty to do.

Congratulations to all the boys who participated! You are all real winners. Special congratulations to those selected from the N.C. Conference that best represent the Rangers Ministry's objective.

Buckaroo Caleb Smith
Pioneer Richard Royal
Trailblazer Matthew Walston
Challenger Travis Davis

Overall, the weekend ROY was a tremendous success, and plans are being made to improve next year's event based on feedback from some of the boys attending. In addition to the ROY selection, the boys were given the opportunity to enjoy the other events as well as spend time with one another developing relationships and friendships that will truly last through eternity. Special thanks to the district, conference Royal Rangers staff, leaders who served on the kitchen staff, and the CEM board that made it all possible. Great Job!

Don' t miss these upcoming events!

Straight Arrow / Buckaroo & Standard Leadership Training Course
April 27-29 Falcon, N.C.

Commanders and Spouses Awards Banquet
(Open to all Commanders)
May 5 Falcon, N.C.

For more information and applications, contact the conference CEM office.

Falcon Youth Camp

Teen Week:
June 10-14
Ages 13-18
Speaker: Warren Beemer

Junior Week:
June 17-21
Ages 10-12
Speaker: Rose Boyd

Primary Week:
June 24-28
Ages 7-9
Speaker: "El-Joy" The Clown

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Blessed is the man
that loves the Lord!

Happy Father's Day

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

N.C. Conference Board Retreat

The N.C. Conference Board got away together for a couple of days with our spouses in April. The purpose of the trip was to have some time for prayer, reflection, evaluation, planning, spiritual enrichment, and fellowship. It was a great time together. Everyone was able to attend.

There was an extensive time of sharing and evaluation as to the conference programs, ministries, and future goals. As a result, we will be making some changes as we move forward into the 21st century. We reaffirm our commitment as to who we are, why the conference was established, and where we are to go in the future. What follows in the article is some of the agreed-upon plans that make up our platform of ministry.

On Friday night of the retreat, Superintendent Doug Beacham and his wife, Susan, were with us from Georgia. Brother Beacham talked of the changes ahead for us in ministry as we enter the 21st century. They then led in a time of special ministry for each of the board couples. The Lord moved powerfully!

The Lord gave a powerful word to the conference from Susan Beacham. Susan saw the conference moving into a time of "third day blessing." It was not to be a new day but a "third day blessing." It would be a time of setting in order of those who had been called. It would be a time of release of authority. The new generation would come to understand the struggles and victories of the old. A day of the release of God's miraculous power would occur. The board and I received this special word. May it be so!

The Lord has given the N.C. Conference a special board. This is not a board of "yes men." They are men of integrity, opinion, and vision. We are committed together in unity to lead the conference forward. We are appreciative of God's past blessings, but we understand the challenge of the future.

N.C. CONFERENCE IPHC

MISSIONS STATEMENT

The North Carolina Conference of the IPHC is a full gospel organism of believers created to glorify God and increase Christ's kingdom by equipping pastors and church leaders to be successful at winning the lost, discipling believers, and multiplying believers and churches for ministry in the 21st century.

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The North Carolina Conference exists to enlist, disciple, train, motivate, and deploy all believers (Anglo and Ethnic), clergy (Anglo and Ethnic), and Churches (Anglo and Ethnic) for revitalization, soul winning, and church planting.

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1. We value and model an atmosphere of relevant biblical Pentecostal worship.
2. The Lord is important in all we do and must be diligently sought in prayer. Our dependence is on His leadership and anointing.
3. We are creating a culture that values family and fellowship (home, church, and clergy).
4. We promote the integrity and individuality of each local congregation.
5. Our desire is to mature believers to be faithful and Christlike in relationships and to exercise biblical stewardship in all responsibilities.
6. We are an evangelistic conference – winning and assimilating non-believers.
7. We value the discovery, development, and deploying of the giftings of the believer in order that the believer and the "body" might grow.

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2. To motivate and resource existing churches to achieve a 7% annual growth rate in membership and a.m. attendance. Double in decade.
3. To develop a multi-ethnic conference with believers from the major ethnic groups – Anglos, Hispanics, and Blacks – within North Carolina.
4. To establish a close family atmosphere of encouragement and support for clergy and their spouses.

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CHURCH NEWS

Superannuated Birthdays for June

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Color Outside the Lines: A Revolutionary Approach to Creative Leadership *by Howard G Hendricks. Nashville: Word Publishing, 1998, 253 pages.*

Do you ever feel there is more inside you that you are capable of than what you are doing? Do you yearn to be creative and stretch yourself to see what potential lies ahead if given the opportunity? Do you desire your ministry to progress in terms of new ideas and strategies to keep it from becoming stale and humdrum? Are you concerned that your teaching or preaching is boring your listeners? If you answer yes to one or more of these questions, then by all means get a copy of this fun-to-read book by a master of creativity and communication, Dr. Howard Hendricks.

The reader will definitely be challenged to become more creative and to gain a different perspective on life and ministry by a nine-step process to enhance creativity by using such methods as brainstorming, gaming, thinking hats, plussing or five sensing. I used the brainstorming chapter during a Wednesday evening presentation, and my people loved it.

Hendricks advocates that everything we do can be improved. He urges his readers not to buy into the adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." If Americans had bought into that idea, then we would never have gone to the moon or created the computer. Thomas Edison would not have invented the light bulb. Many things we do in church and Sunday school can be improved by simply being a little creative and using our minds.

Far too many leaders are reactive rather than proactive in their approach to life and ministry. The author strongly supports the idea that Christian workers should be intentional in thinking, changing, and developing new approaches to doing things in the 21st century. Don't tamper with the message: it is just fine the way it is. But do examine and appraise your methods and practices of doing ministry today!

Re-Churching The Unchurched *by George Barna. Ventura, California: Issachar Resources (A Division of Barna Research Group), 2000, 166 pages.*

Did you know there are nearly 100 million unchurched people in America? What are we to do to reach them? What are some churches doing that are effectively reaching the unchurched?

This new publication by Barna will help the reader understand the values, attitudes, beliefs, religious practices, demographics, life goals, and spiritual expectations of the unchurched. It provides valuable information as to how to connect and relate with the unchurched in ways that lead them to a faith-based life transformation

Since believers exist to glorify God, and one of the best ways we can glorify Him is by abundant, responsible reproduction of disciples, then it is reasonable that as Christian workers, we would want to reach out to the segment of society that doesn't go to church. Biological and transfer growth are the two ways most churches grow. But the Great Commission is more about reaching the lost and making disciples of them. It is essentially beggars telling other beggars where to find bread!

While there is strong argument against finding out what the unchurched want and then providing it for them through entertainment, celebrities, physical fitness, etc., certainly there is the legitimate need to understand the people whom the Church is trying to reach out to in evangelism. For example, Barna suggests there is not a single, one-size-fits-all strategy that will unlock the gates to reaching the unchurched. The Church should be willing to be innovative and design formulas and programs that work among the unchurched and are in harmony with the Word of God.

What should we do for a person who says, "I went to a church for years but never got much out of it. After a while, you figure there's not much to be gained by that affiliation. I hate wasting my time; there's too much to experience in life, so I've moved on"? For sure, there is difference in a relationship with a church and a relationship with Jesus Christ. There are people who go to church all their lives and never know Jesus Christ personally. The Church is not a substitute for Jesus, but the Church should help Christ to be known to the unchurched. While the institution is not greater than Christ Himself, the Church has the Divine mandate of fishing for men and making disciples.

Barna offered the statistic that one of every eight unchurched people writes off the church because he does not believe in organized religion or the necessity of worshiping God through a church experience. Does this mean we should disband organized churches and eliminate denominations to satisfy this little twist of the unchurched? Of course not. Yet I believe organized religion can sometimes hinder the evangelistic process. It certainly did during the earthly ministry of Christ.

When a person meets Jesus Christ in a personal way and is born again, most if not all those negative past beliefs tend not to be as important anymore. What matters is people. Anyone who loves Jesus Christ loves the Church and will seek to worship God through a church experience.

Numerous tables providing valuable statistical information about the unchurched are given throughout the book. For example, did you know that 73% of the unchurched in America are never asked to attend a church service in a year's time? The Church is called to pursue sinners, to compel them to come in, yet most unchurched people are not contacted by Christians in a twelve-month period.

Chapter twelve, which gives 12 misconceptions about ministry to the unchurched, is worth the cost of the book. It is an eye opener! Barna tells how some successful churches are reaching out to the unchurched, and then closes with the need for vision. All churches need a vision for the unchurched of America. Souls are dying. Time is short. The coming of the Lord draws near.

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FALCON CAMP MEETING
July 15 – July 22, 2001

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, July 15

6:30 P.M.	—	Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Monday, July 16

7:45 A.M.	—	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	—	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	—	Rev. Gary Strickland
11:00 A.M.	—	Rev. Ralph Richardson
12:30 P.M.	—	Lunch
5:30 P.M.	—	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	—	Choir practice
7:30 P.M.	—	Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Tuesday, July 17

7:45 A.M.	—	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	—	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	—	Rev. Elton Bryan
11:00 A.M.	—	Rev. Jimmy Whitfield
12:30 P.M.	—	Lunch
5:30 P.M.	—	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	—	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	—	Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Wednesday, July 18

7:45 A.M.	—	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	—	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	—	Rev. Bobby Williams
11:00 A.M.	—	Rev. Preston Heath
12:30 P.M.	—	Lunch
12:30 P.M.	—	Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon
5:30 P.M.	—	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	—	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	—	Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Thursday, July 19

7:45 A.M.	—	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	—	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	—	Rev. Roland Harrell
11:00 A.M.	—	Dr. Charles Kelly
12:30 P.M.	—	Lunch
12:30 P.M.	—	Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
5:30 P.M.	—	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	—	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	—	Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Friday, July 20

7:45 A.M.	—	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	—	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:00 A.M.	—	Conference Session Dr. Ronald Carpenter Presiding Officer
12:30 P.M.	—	Lunch
2:00 P.M.	—	Special Buildings Dedication
2:30 P.M.	—	Memorial Service
4:30 P.M.	—	Ministers' Wives Fellowship
5:30 P.M.	—	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	—	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	—	Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Saturday, July 21

7:45 A.M.	—	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	—	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	—	Rev. Danny Nelson
11:00 A.M.	—	Dr. Richard Waters
12:30 P.M.	—	Lunch
5:30 P.M.	—	Dinner
7:00 P.M.	—	Youth Emphasis Director Charles Boyd Message: Erik Lawson

Sunday, July 22

7:45 A.M.	—	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	—	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	—	Sunday School – Octagon Tabernacle Jeff Oglesby
10:45 A.M.	—	Dr. Ronald Carpenter
12:30 P.M.	—	Lunch
3:00 P.M.	—	Singspiration Rev. Wiley Hughes
5:30 P.M.	—	World Evangelism Emphasis Director Danny Nelson Message: Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Special Note: Continuing Education Units will be awarded to ministers who attend the 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. classes and promotional conference. A minimum of one credit will be offered for each session.

The 9:30 A.M. services will be in the Octagon Tabernacle. ALL OTHER SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETING WILL BE IN THE J. A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

Winning The War!

*Recently I was in a building on a military base, and something caught my eye. It was a painting of a group of soldiers holding up the American flag. The caption read: "**Teamwork Wins Wars**."*

*As I thought about how true that statement is, I decided to see exactly what "teamwork" means. According to Webster, "teamwork" is "a group of people working in cooperation with each other for a common purpose." While the word "teamwork" isn't in the Bible, I soon realized the concept shows up time and time again! When Jesus walked on this earth, He knew that it was going to take teamwork to carry His Gospel throughout the land. So He got together 12 men called disciples. Together this team learned everything they could about Jesus and His teachings. They came together for one purpose: to let the world know to..."**Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**" (**Matthew 4:17**).*

*Paul continued the thought of teamwork when he described the church as a team that works together just as our physical body does. "**For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ**..." (**Romans 12:4-5**). We are at war. Every day, believers face raging battles because the enemy is hard at work. If we try to fight these battles alone, we are going to lose. That's why it is crucial that Christians work together as a team. Look at a car race. There is only one person in the car going around the track. But after so many laps, the driver heads down pit road where a group of people eagerly wait for him. As the car stops, these people fuel, making adjustments, etc. Then the driver is off again. The whole purpose of these guys is to keep their driver out in front. Even though each one has a different job to do, if they didn't work as a team, there would be no chance of winning! This is what Christians need to do every day As men of God, we need to work together to keep Jesus out front...we must work as a team to be successful!*

*As men of God, it is important for us to be soul winners, spreading the Good News of Jesus wherever we go. But we must not forget that "keeping souls saved is soul winning too!" Satan wants us so caught up in the everyday rush of life that we overlook or neglect our team members. He tries to plant seeds of strife among our body. Slyly, he'll prompt someone at church to say or do something that someone else doesn't like. Then the grumbling and complaining start. Before you know it, someone on the team is mad, or their feelings are hurt. Satan cheers because he comes to divide and destroy. Certainly, the devil knows that a "...**house divided against itself shall not stand**" (**Matthew 12:25**). But if we, as believers, will all begin working together as a team with Jesus as our Leader, we will win spiritual battles and our "house" will not fall but grow!*

*So when someone on your team slips, pray for him. If a member is down and out, encourage him and lift him up with the Word. If your pastor says or does something you don't like, don't get angry. Get on your knees and pray! Fix your eyes on His purpose, and do your best as a necessary, vital part of the team of Jesus Christ! The enemy lines are drawn, and spies may be in the camp, but "**TEAMWORK WINS WARS**!"*

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The **Chapter Resource Information Manual (RIM)**, which includes everything you ever wanted to know about Men's Ministries in the local church, has just been released. This will be a great help to the chapter officers and core leadership group. At a price of $34.95, it is available through LifeSprings Resources...product number 4505030. Also available through LifeSprings are **The Prayer of Jabez** Book...$9.95 single copy, 5-24 copies $8.95 each, 25-51 copies $7.95 each, case of 52 $6.95 each, and the **Commemorative "Prayer of Jabez"** Coin...single coins $5.00, 10-24 coins $4.50 each, 25-49 coins $4.00 each, 50 or more coins $3.50 each. Ask for Offer # MMI. Please contact LifeSprings Resources...Phone: 1-800-541-1376. Fax: 706-245-5488. (Prices do not include shipping and taxes).

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"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

Lines From Linda

"ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!" I've heard that expression many times, but I haven't always really understood the spiritual depth of it.

What is attitude? *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* defines it (as relates to our purpose here) as, "a mental position with regard to a fact or state; a feeling or emotion toward a fact or state."

In working with and observing people over the years, I have learned that a person's attitude is generally deep seated. Perhaps it stems from his or her belief system, or it could be a result of circumstances and experiences. For whatever reason, each person's way of thinking determines attitude in matters of life.

A group of people can be together, seeing and hearing the same things, participating in the same activities, yet they will have varying perspectives of what they have experienced. This is very evident to me as I review evaluations from WM events. Each woman's expectations vary, depending on her mental position. Of the same event, some will be most complimentary while others are not at all pleased.

The writer of Proverbs recorded, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." What is in our hearts becomes what we project through words or actions. Our varying positions and opinions cause us to see and accept situations differently.

There are some who take a positive approach to every situation. When things go wrong, those people are able to focus on what has been good. They are what I call the Philippians 4:8 people. They look for the virtue and for what can be praised..

Then there are those who can see only what is wrong with everything. We get the truth about that attitude from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:3). Our own ideas and opinions (beams in our eyes) can cause us not to be able to see clearly the good in others. Our spiritual vision may be dimmed to the point that we develop a critical and unappreciative attitude.

I am convinced that ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS. One person making a derogatory remark can effect that same mindset in others in their presence.

By the same token, a happy and positive approach can also impact others. I found this to be so true a few days ago...through the presence of a doll in the back seat of my car. As many of my WM ladies know, I am not a morning person. I'm up with the owls, but I don't relate very well to the larks! A few Saturdays ago, I had to rise early in order to attend the Rocky Mount District WM Rally (see report and photos in this issue). I left home in my usual morning mode. I had gone just a few miles down the road when I heard a voice say, "I feel great." Realizing it was Sarah's doll in the back seat, I just kept on traveling. A little later, the voice repeated itself. I soon realized that "Ernie" was going to say that to me every time I hit a little bump in the road. For those of you who travel NC Highway 43 between Greenville and Rocky Mount, you know there are lots of bumps in that road. By the time I got to Pine Tops, I was smiling as Ernie told me he was feeling great. I realized that I was feeling great too!

Ernie caused me to reflect on my own persona. What effect does my attitude have on those in my circle of influence? I choose to see the virtue and think on what is good. I refuse to adopt the negative vibes that the world exudes. If I get lemons, I plan to make lemonade. How about you ? Have you checked your attitude lately?

Attitude may not be EVERYTHING, but I am convinced it affects everything we do! Let's make it a blessing instead of a hindrance!

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT WM RALLY

Excitement mounted as ladies from the Rocky Mount District churches gathered at Living Faith P H Church in Rocky Mount on Saturday morning, April 28. There were representative groups from Ebenezer, Victory Praise and Worship, Vaughan's Chapel, Roanoke Rapids First, Thomas Chapel, Living Faith, and Taylors Chapel. Mrs. Carol Davis, district director, greeted them as they arrived, and they were given name tags and door prize numbers. The theme for the rally was "Don't Bury Your Talents."

Mrs. Jane Warren gave the devotion, with ladies of the Living Faith WM assisting her by doing a skit to demonstrate that every woman has a talent God can use. A talent show was presented by the attending WM groups. Singing, drama, and skits were both spiritual and comical, each depicting women allowing God to use what talents they have.

The highlight of the rally was when the ladies gathered around the altar, joined hands, and spent time in prayer for one another. The focus of this prayer was for each woman's gifts to be used for the glory of God and the upbuilding of His kingdom.

NCWM Conference Director Linda Thomas addressed the ladies and thanked them for their participation in the Women's Ministries outreach on the local level. Drawing for door prizes created much enthusiasm as the ladies showed off their gifts.

Following the program, the ladies moved from the sanctuary to the fellowship hall, which was beautifully decorated with spring flowers. They enjoyed delicious refreshments, which were furnished by all WM groups.

The ladies left the rally motivated by the time of worship, fun, and fellowship.

Mrs. Carol Davis, Rocky Mount District WM director, greets the ladies attending the rally.

The Hillbilly Glory Mountaineers participated in the talent show at the Rocky Mount District WM rally. Linda Nelson, Georgia Kirkland, Marie Mitchell, Mary Dick, Esther Webb, and Jean Pittman are from the Victory Praise and Worship Center. They played and sang an original song, "He'll Be Coming Down in Glory When He Comes."

SHARING SISTERS MEET AT BETHANY...

On Saturday morning, April 21, 2001, about forty ladies from Bethany Women's Ministries, Bethany Young Women's Ministries, and Grace Family Fellowship met at Bethany Church Fellowship Hall in Williamston, NC. Bethany WM enjoyed having their Sharing Sister WM group, Grace Family Fellowship, with them for a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, food, and an inspiring and challenging message from God's Word.

The gathering began with a buffet breakfast suitable for those who wanted a big, hearty breakfast of grits, eggs, and cheese biscuits as well as those who preferred a lighter fare of only Danish and juice.

Following the breakfast, the Bethany YWM had several drawings for door prizes. Nice gifts were received by those whose numbers were drawn. Ruby Bullock, Grace Family Fellowship WM director, gave a testimony of how Ann Smith, Bethany WM director, had reached out to her son and helped him during a critical time in his life many years ago. Ruby then presented Ann with a beautiful azalea plant to honor her for her kindness in years gone by.

The ladies were blessed to have Rev. Janice Marshburn, NCWM assistant director from Jacksonville as their guest speaker to bring a message from God's Word. Her message focused on things hidden under the tablecloth which no one sees. The meeting ended with a time of prayer during which Rev. Marshburn ministered to several of the ladies.

Rev. Marshburn's aunt, who accompanied her, was a special guest for the event.

All the ladies who attended were inspired and uplifted through this time of fellowship and sharing.

Submitted by Lou Dunlow and Marjorie Teachey

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS REPORT

The following letter was received by Mary Belle Johnson. This is a testimony of the value of the Christmas Missions offerings, a portion of which is distributed to each missionary around Easter.

My name is Bobby Clark. My wife (Pam), son (Torrey), and I are IPHC missionaries serving in a restricted access nation within Asia. We would like to say thank you for all that you are doing through Women's Ministries. My wife used to serve as the WM director in our home church, Abundant Life Fellowship in Pilot, VA. So, I know the wonderful ministry that occurs through your ministry. You are very special to us.

I want to share with you something that occurred recently and the impact that your wonderful ministry to missionaries had on us. Recently I broke a tooth while eating some nuts. This required that I have a crown to cover the broken portion remaining. We had enough money for our living expenses at the time; however, we did not know how we were going to pay for the crown. Knowing that God would provide, we had to use money from our living expense account to pay for the crown. When I returned home from the dentist, I checked our account through the internet. You know what, $200 had just been deposited into our account. PRAISE GOD! OUR GOD REIGNS! He provided just when we needed it. We didn't know where this money came from. You see, we are brand new missionaries to the field. We just arrived in February. This was weekend, so I had to wait until Monday to find out from the missions office in Oklahoma. On Tuesday, I learned that the money came from General Women's Ministries.

Thank you for all you do. You don't know how much that meant to us. You ladies are special women of God, and I thank Him for you. Your ministry has made a real impact on the lives and relationship of my wife and me. I just wanted to let you know how special you are to us through your ministry and obedience.

God bless, Bobby Clark

EDITOR'S NOTE: ***It is time to plan for your 2001 CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING, which is due in August.***

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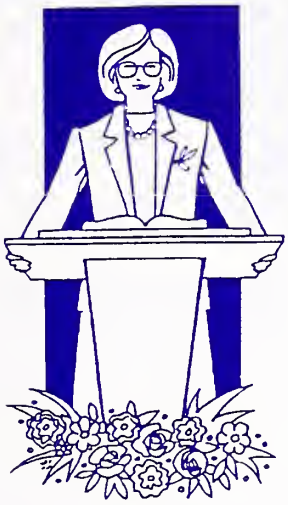

WOMAN

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape...but a woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape...

A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear...

A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her...but a woman of strength gives the best of herself to everyone...

A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future...but a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be God's blessings and capitalizes on them...

A strong woman walks surefootedly...but a woman of strength knows God will catch her when she falls...

A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face...but a woman of strength wears grace...

A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...but a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong...

...Copied

Have you made registration, reservations, and travel plans for

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"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

St. Pauls Church To Plant 3

by Raymond (Ray) Faircloth, Sr.
Pastor, First Pentecostal Holiness Church of St. Pauls, NC

On March 15, 2001, our missionary team departed St. Pauls, North Carolina, to minister in the small country of Haiti. The team included my son, our minister of music, Ray Faircloth, Jr.; one of our deacons, Rick Taylor; our Sunday school superintendent, Ronnie Goodman; all of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in St. Pauls; and me. Also traveling with us was Rev. Ozzie Montgomery, who served the International Pentecostal Holiness Church as a missionary in Haiti for many years. This was my second trip to Haiti, but for this entire team, it was truly a life-changing experience, and we were all thankful for the opportunity to minister to the precious people in this foreign land. On that Thursday afternoon, our IPHC pastoral representative, Rev. Joseph Abraham, greeted us at the airport in Haiti. From there, we traveled about 1 1/2 hours, maybe a total of six miles to the city of Carrefour. (The roads there are in bad shape.) There, we would be staying in the missions home, or compound of Pastor André Louie. It was breathtaking while riding, to see the differences in our culture and theirs. In North Carolina, we can be fined $1000 for littering on our roads, but in the inner city of Port Au Prince and Carrefour, there was a continuous trash pile. This does not reflect on the Haitian people at all; it's their government that supplies no landfill for trash. I believe tears welled in each of our eyes as we watched little children dig through the trash piles beside stray dogs, goats, horses, chickens, and even cows. We found that although their living conditions are terrible, many of them are rather clean people. They believe in taking baths and even washing their old beat-up cars if they are privileged enough to have one. We witnessed one lady washing her pet chicken, only to throw him back out in the dirty street.

We visited many Christian schools. One we attended during class (Independent Christian Alliance Church School) had 113 students and four teachers. The teachers taught two subjects each because the school could not afford to hire teachers for every subject. All four classes were conducted in the same room at the same time, each one in a different corner. The teachers have also memorized their lessons because they have little or no literature. This particular school offers a feeding program for the children; they are fed beans and rice every other day. These children consider themselves blessed, for most Haitians in the area we traveled eat every three days. The little school building converts into a church sanctuary on Sunday. This was one of the 53 schools/churches that Pastor André Louie has started. We thank God for the ministry of this dear brother.

On Sunday morning, Sunday school started at 7 a.m. at the Church in Carrefour. We were privileged to see the children in their Sunday school class. Their teacher, Danuellé, had the class sing "God Is So Good" in English, and it was such a blessing to hear those beautiful children singing praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords. I was honored to bring the morning message at the 9:30 worship service. About 600 people attended the service, and every one of them walked to church, including us. Ray Jr., Ronnie, Rick, and Ozzie greeted the large congregation through the interpretation of Pastor André. The Spirit of God ministered in the house that day, and many souls were touched and blessed. Later that evening, we traveled to a new church in the town of Mariani. We asked questions about this new church, and found that the first week it was organized (December 2000), over 140 people received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. To God be the glory! Bro. Ozzie Montgomery brought the evening message and shared his experiences as a missionary in that country.

Our plans were to go farther into the country and minister in more churches and schools, but for several days, public demonstrations in the streets made it unsafe for us to travel. This was caused by two leaders, their elected president (Aristide) and a self-appointed president, which seems to be resulting in an all out civil war. Please pray for the Haitian people, that peace may be restored to their country very soon.

Even though we were detoured many times and had to turn back on many occasions, the best was yet to come. Our IPHC Haitian pastor escorted us to the newly dedicated Nehemiah Center and Haitian IPHC national offices. I can testify...It is beautiful! When you drive up, there is a beautiful iron gate with the letters IPHC. From the outward appearance, we knew this was one of the nicest buildings we had seen our entire trip. We walked in and were all amazed to see what God had done for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church in Haiti. He has truly blessed us with beautiful headquarters there. There is also a large dorm with many bunks and bathrooms for guests. Recently, Pastor Abraham started a Pentecostal Holiness Church in the Nehemiah Center. They already have 80-100 people attending. They're full to capacity and are awaiting a tent that will seat approximately 800-1000 people. I rejoice to tell you First

Pentecostal Holiness Church of St. Pauls is sharing in the planting of this new church. I am scheduled to return in January 2002 for a crusade under the big tent. Folks, God is up to something BIG and miraculous in Haiti. The fields are white and ready for harvest NOW. The Vision of FPHC in St. Pauls, NC, is happening: Reach 3 Plant 3. It is our vision to plant a Hispanic church in our city, plant a church like ours in Raeford, NC, and follow through with planting this new church in Haiti. To God be the glory as we move forward in faith at this great hour in history!

The Values of, the Necessity of, VISION

It was several years ago that I heard a dear brother make a particular statement. This statement may have been made before him, yet coming from him, it has stuck with me until today and will continue to do so. Brother Jimmy Forehand said, "THE ANOINTING IS THE DIFFERENCE." All our preparation for ministry, all our study, religious activities, even this article that I have earnestly worked over to give to you, are wasted breath, time, and resources without the anointing. I tell you brothers, sisters, fellow workers – The anointing IS the difference. We have to have that extension of the power, the presence, the purpose of God on our lives if we are to accomplish anything worthwhile and of eternal value. And I firmly believe that with the anointing comes the further necessity of vision: the dream of, the desire to accomplish a work(s) that can only be done by God through us, because it is of God and it is to HIS glory. It has to be of God by HIS strength and power, or it is human and will last only a short time or until we leave this world. Andy Stanley has written a tremendous book entitled *Visioneering*, a study of the life and work of Nehemiah.

Vision is a preferred future – a destination. Vision always stands in contrast to the world as it is. Vision demands change. It implies movement. Everybody ends up somewhere in life. A few people end up somewhere on purpose. Those are the ones with vision.

If I were to ask you to describe how you picture your life in ten years, chances are you could paint a fairly clear picture. No doubt you could paint a financial profile. You could describe what you hope to achieve relationally. You have some idea of where you want to be professionally. In other words, you would be able to look beyond what is and paint a picture of what could be – and in some cases what should be – true of your life. That's vision.

Now – Minister, Pastor, Teacher – take that piece of paper and write down in three minutes what you foresee (really) in ten years in your ministry, pastorate, etc. – and Minister, if you're called to be a preacher of the gospel and right now you're not preaching or fulfilling a ministerial capacity, I pray that God the Holy Spirit will move on you in anointing and then to seed a vision.

A clear vision, along with the courage to follow through, increases your chances of coming to the end of your life, looking back with a deep abiding satisfaction, and thinking – I did it, I succeeded, I finished well, my life counted. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" sounds familiar.

From the day that he hit the ground en route to Damascus, Paul's life was dramatically and forever changed. (Acts 10:10-19:20) Immediately, he preached Christ. According to Paul's testimony in Gal. 1:16, at the time of his conversion, he got alone with God, and from that point on, there was an unstoppable thirst, desire (vision) in his heart to achieve great things for God. I BELIEVE HE DID. Without a clear vision, you will most likely come to the end of your life and wonder what you could have done – what you should have done. And like so many, you may wonder if your life really mattered at all.

Vision gives significance to the otherwise meaningless details of our lives. Vision is the difference between filling sandbags with dirt and building a dike in order to save a town. There's nothing glamorous or fulfilling about filling bags with dirt. But saving a city is another thing altogether. Building a dike gives meaning to the chore of filling bags with dirt. And so it is with vision.

Too many times, the routines of life begin to feel like shoveling dirt. But take those same routines, those same responsibilities and view them through the lens of vision, and everything looks different. Vision brings your world into focus. Vision brings order to chaos. A clear vision enables you to see everything differently.

Vision weaves at least four things into the fabric of our daily experience.

a. Passion: Vision evokes passion. There is no such thing as an emotionless vision. The thing that makes daydreaming so enjoyable is the emotion that piggybacks on those mind's eye images. When we allow our thoughts to wander outside the walls of reality, our feelings are quick to follow. An illustration: I love to fish. Just talking about the fishing territory, the baits I'll use, the snacks I'll take, the time spent evokes passion. Wow, just making these comments excite me and gives me a vision of Lake Phelps in Eastern N.C.

b. Motivation: Vision provides motivation. The mundane begins to matter. The details, chores, and routines of life become a worthwhile means to a planned-for end. Thinking about the passion that a fishing trip evokes now makes me plan a trip. In a few days, I'll be going. The vision of what can be done gives motivation.

c. Direction: Vision sets a direction for our lives. It serves as a road map. Anything that moves us toward the realization of our vision gets a green light. Vision prioritizes your values. A clear vision has the power to bring what's most important to the surface of your schedule and lifestyle. A clear vision makes it easy to weed out of your life those things that stand in the way of achieving what matters most. People without a clear vision are easily distracted. They have a tendency to drift from one activity, work, or task to another without completion. Without vision, there is no compass, and they make foolish or ill-advised decisions that rob them of their dreams.

d. Purpose: Vision translates into purpose. A vision gives you a reason to get up in the morning. Some time ago, I went into a local place of business to purchase something; I asked the person who assisted me how his day was. The answer was, "Oh well, it's just another day towards retirement." As I think back to that response, this thought comes into mind – here is a person who has no purpose, nothing to accomplish, no vision of doing anything important or of benefit.

Let me move on by saying, God has a purpose – A VISION FOR YOUR LIFE THAT HE WANTS YOU TO CATCH. It is true that the anointing is the difference, yet once we have the anointing of the Holy Spirit, how can we continue to have the anointing without an accompanying vision to achieve great things for God?

I'm praying that pastors, ministers, churches in the North Carolina Conference will catch the vision to plant churches. **PLANT 3** if you will!

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Vocal Solo Female	Tiffany Moore – Clinton	Willfrancys Concepcion – Raleigh
Vocal Solo Male	Trey Fipps – Lumberton	Christopher Smith – Greenville
Vocal/Instrumental – Individual	No Competition	Melissa Dunning – Fayetteville
Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble	No Competition	Goldsboro 1st Praise Band – Goldsboro
Vocal Ensemble (Duets, Trios, Quartets)	Peniel Duet – Clinton	Northwood Temple – Fayetteville
Vocal Ensemble (Min. 5/Max. 12)	Mt. Carmel – Fayetteville	Northwood Temple – Fayetteville
Vocal Ensemble (Min. 13/No Max.)	Northwood Temple – Fayetteville	Mt. Carmel – Fayetteville
Instrumental Solo – Wind	Kathy Kirilov – Rocky Mount	Amber Grissom – Fayetteville
Instrumental Solo – Strings	Robyn Quinnett – Fayetteville	Jeremy Haire – Fayetteville
Instrumental Solo – Definite Pitch Percussion	Ashley Johnson – Clinton	No Competition
Instrumental Solo – Indefinite Pitch Percussion	Chris Watts – Lumberton	James Murphy – Fayetteville
Instrumental Ensemble – Duets, Trios, Quartets	Northwood Temple – Fayetteville	Christopher and Kevin Smith – Greenville
Instrumental Ensemble (Min. 5/No Max.)	Clinton Junior Ensemble – Clinton	Youth In Covenant – Fayetteville
Instrumental Ensemble Bell Choirs (Min. 12/No Max.)	His Majesty's Best – Lumberton	His Majesty's Best – Lumberton
Keyboard Solo	Callie Leechford – Fayetteville	Julie Price – Fayetteville
Electronic Keyboard	David Carter – Fayetteville	No Competition
Communication Arts – Speech	No Competition	Candace Pittman – Raleigh
Communication Arts – Audible (Individual)	Adam Stedman – Lumberton	Bill Rose – Goldsboro
Communication Arts – Audible (2 or More)	Mt. Carmel Junior Drama Team – Fayetteville	Lifeline Drama Team – Raleigh
Communication Arts – Inaudible Mime (Individual)	No Competition	Jamie Wheeler – Fayetteville
Communication Arts – Inaudible Pantomime without Vocals (2 or More)	Mt. Carmel Junior Drama Team – Fayetteville	D.E.W (Dramatic Expressions of Worship) – Fayetteville
Communication Arts – Inaudible Pantomime With Vocals (Individual)	Sara Whittenton – Clinton	Afton Roof – Raleigh
Communication Arts – Inaudible Pantomime with Vocals (2 or More)	Kids For Christ – Lumberton	D.E.W. (Dramatic Expressions of Worship) – Fayetteville
Communication Arts – Interpretive Dance (Individual)	Ashley Coble – Clinton	Ashley Hudson – Raleigh
Communication Arts – Interpretive Dance (2 or More)	Northwood Temple – Fayetteville	Gospel Tabernacle Step Team – Clinton
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THE LEADER'S PREPARATION FOR CHANGE

Taken from an article written by John Maxwell, "Influencing Change – The Leader Goes First," continued from last month's *Evangel* article from the Church Education Ministries Department.

1. **Determine that personal change will be an ongoing part of your lifestyle as a leader.**
   Over the years, the commitments, responsibilities, and calling of God on my life have resulted in many geographical changes. While the geography changed, the changes inside me were much more dramatic with each move. I have watched how God has shaped my interior by growing me to become more and more God-dependent in all I do. These changes have impacted my leadership style. In my early years, I wanted to please people; then I went through a season of being more autocratic, and now I am highly team-based in my approach to leadership. I'm changing, and so must you.

2. **Accept that change brings about temporary stress.**
   André Gide, a French novelist said, "One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time." This, no doubt, causes stress. Leaders must be willing to live with a certain amount of stress and be able to work effectively in the midst of stress.
   When I experienced a heart attack, things changed quickly, and stress set in. Six weeks of my speaking engagements were canceled. Stress. But it was temporary, and now that I've come to grips with the life changes needed, the stress is gone and I'm back on track.
   - Stress due to change is different from anxiety.

   Stress is "change coming at you." Stress is a normal and healthy part of life in response to change, a human response (in appropriate levels) without which little is achieved.
   Stress is human reaction to change. It comes with the territory of the unknown, and is God-given to help push us through to the other side. This is temporary and not debilitating. This is not the picture of someone frantic and operating largely under the tyranny of the urgent. Anxiety, in contrast, is foolish and pointless worry about the things you can't control. Like the time I was snowed in at JFK International airport, no amount of anxiety would melt the snow any faster or get the planes back in the air any sooner.
   - As each change (transition) draws to a close, you not only sense less stress, but you are strengthened and energized by the process. As you begin to come through the process, you feel motivated and renewed within.
   - Brace yourself for continual stress as a leader!

   We have acknowledged that leaders must choose a lifestyle of change, and that change brings about temporary stress. But how does that translate into continual stress? The good news is that it really is temporary. The tough news is that as soon as you move through one point of stress, you will soon face another.
   I describe stress as a good "knot in my stomach." How can I call it good? Because the stress I experience for positive change is substantially better than the stress I will experience from no change at all! The same is true for you. And when I say "no change at all," I'm referring to change within you, because change will happen with or without you.

3. **Determine that you are willing to pay the price for change.**
   If change doesn't cost you, it's not real change. Let me go back to the story of my heart attack. My doctor made it clear to me that significant changes must take place in my diet if I want to live. If you've known me at all, you know how much I love chocolate and peanut butter. That was a huge sacrifice to give them up, as well as basically anything in life that tastes good! But I am willing to pay the price; it's worth it.

4. **Decide what you are not willing to change.**
   On a personal level, there are some things in life that I refuse to change. First, my commitment to my faith. Second, my commitment to my wife, Margaret, and my family. Third, my commitment to helping people grow as leaders.
   My counsel to you is to keep your list short, very short, of the things you will not change. And learn to be flexible on all nonessentials.

5. **Understand and accept the fact that if you don't change, your people will not change.**
   I love the Charlie Brown comics. One of my favorites has Charlie and Lucy leaning up against a fence, and Lucy says dreamily, "I would like to change the world." Charlie asks, "Where would you start?" Lucy responds, "I would start with you." Every time I hear that, I still smile. It's true – people want to change everything but themselves. John Kenneth Galbraith captured this well when he said, "Faced with having to change our views or prove that there is no need to do so, most of us immediately get busy on the proof." Leaders must change first.
   Sometimes we resist change because we hate to admit we're wrong. The people you are responsible for must see that you are human. They already know you are, so why not just he honest about it. Let them see you change, and they will change ever so much easier. If you are not willing to change, don't ask it of others.

Take some time to reflect now on what you need to change about yourself to become a better leader. Write it down and commit yourself to make those changes.

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From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

A vital part of Betty's and my spiritual development has been attending camp meetings. As a teenage girl, Betty attended the Piedmont Camp Meeting and Appalachian Conference Camp Meeting (Dublin). She would go and stay all ten days at the Piedmont Camp Meeting. She assisted in the kitchen to pay her way. I began attending the Falcon Camp Meeting the year I was saved, in 1965. I have not missed one yet. I started attending the Chocowinity Camp Meeting in 1974. I have not missed one since.

The Falcon Camp Meeting began in the fires of Holiness revival at the end of the 19th century. This year marks 102 years of faithful ministry. It began in the heart and soul of a Methodist-converted-to-Holiness layman by the name of J. A. Culbreth.

The first Falcon Camp Meeting was July 19 to 29, 1900, and was actually a Christian and Missionary Alliance. Rev. S. C. Todd, Southern superintendent of the Alliance work, led the services. J. A. Culbreth was the manager. Several area Christian leaders spoke, along with the special speakers, Dr. George D. Watson and Dr. J. P. Barrett of Norfolk, Virginia. A large tent was erected that seated 2,000. Fifty smaller tents were pitched for housing. Each tent was rented for $2.00. Each tent was furnished with bucket, dipper, wash basin, straw floor, and bed. So began an event that has blessed thousands in eastern North Carolina and ultimately hundreds of thousands around the world though its missions emphasis.

Due to declining health, J. A. Culbreth turned the camp meeting over to the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1943. The N. C. Conference board was given the oversight of the camp meeting. The superintendent became the manager. Superintendent W. Eddie Morris led his first camp meeting in August 1943. There have been five managers in the 101 years of operation. These are J. A. Culbreth, W. Eddie Morris, J. Doner Lee, James D. Leggett, and T. Elwood Long.

This year, the camp meeting is renewing its ministry emphasis to the family and community. Services will be provided for all age groups. Several area ministers will be speaking in the morning services. Prayer will be a major priority. It will be a great week. Prayer is being offered up now for a mighty move of God.

Dr. Ronald Carpenter will be the invited evening speaker. He presently is an assistant general superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church in charge of the Evangelism USA portfolio. He is a native of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Brother Carpenter is an excellent Pentecostal and Holiness preacher. He is known and loved in North Carolina.

The early morning prayer sessions (8:30 a.m.) and first service of the day (9:30 a.m.) will be held in the Octagon Tabernacle (Little Tabernacle). All other services will be held in the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. Rooms and meals will be available on campus. The newly remodeled School Building dorm will be online again. Praise the Lord! The complete list of special activities is too full to mention here.

Falcon Camp Meeting is an excellent time for spiritual refreshment and growth. Every clergy member of the N. C. Conference should make every effort to attend. They should bring their families. Our three boys grew up at camp meeting and youth camp. All three are still involved. They know people in most churches of the conference. Falcon Camp Meeting has made a difference in my life. It has made a difference in the lives of my family.

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CHURCH NEWS

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The Prayer of Jabez: Breaking Through to the Blessed Life by Bruce Wilkinson. Sisters, Oregon; Multnomah Publishers, 2000, 93 pages.

Taking the country by storm, this number one bestseller capitalizes on one verse in I Chronicles that offers the venturesome, simple, four-request prayer of a godly man seeking God's blessings and seeking to live a more honorable life for His glory. Wilkinson, a trusted name in Bible studies, claims to have experienced many miracles as a result of praying this 2500-year-old prayer for over 30 years of ministry, along with thousands of others who give testimony of the miraculous blessings of God upon their lives.

The author challenges his readers to go for the many unclaimed blessings God has for them by believing Him for the impossible. Countering the self-serving craze of our times, Wilkinson advocates that it is not selfish to ask the Lord for more if the requests are for the right reasons. Is it possible to ask the Lord for too many blessings? Jabez not only asked God to bless him but to bless him a lot! The Jabez blessing, rightly understood, involves asking no more and no less than what God wants for you.

A powerful feature of this book is Wilkinson's attempt to connect with the segment of the Christian population who feel unworthy to receive so much from the Lord. He begins with the name "Jabez," which didn't appear conducive to great and extraordinary blessing in his life. Reckoning on God's nature instead of his own unworthiness, Jabez refused to allow anything to get in the way of God's bountiful hand. Likewise, the future of any believer can be transformed by regularly depending upon the goodness of God. As the author stated, "God's bounty is limited only by us, not by His resources, power, or willingness to give." The faithful, sincere praying of Jabez' revolutionary prayer promises to gather the resources of a great and powerful God who seeks for His children to ask more of Him. Surely you were born for more blessing and greater influence than you have right now!

Greater blessing, expanded borders, unlimited opportunities, attempting the impossible, and defeating the roaring lion are all parts of a spiritual dimension that requires God's touch. Our sufficiency is from God. We are not sufficient ourselves. All of us need more blessing, more territory, more power, and more protection that lead to a supernatural breakthrough. God waits for you to ask.

After reading the book, I immediately wanted to read it again and practice what I read. Do yourself a favor: if you haven't already done so, buy the book and read it for profit!

Secrets of the Vine: Breaking Through To Abundance by Bruce Wikinson. Sister, Oregon: Multnomah Publishers. 2001, 126 pages.

The sequel to *The Prayer of Jabez*, this book offers fresh insight into God's abundance and fruitfulness for our lives by examining John 15, given on that fateful Thursday evening, and exploring the four levels of fruit bearing (4 baskets) and the Vinedresser's three imperatives or secrets that will advance the reader to greater joy and effectiveness in ministry.

Launching from the premise that God wants a fruitful harvest for Him from every Christian, Wilkinson expounds on the teachings of Christ concerning inward and outward fruit bearing. He clarifies the points of interest that most mature Christians understand, such as the identification of the vine, the branches, and the Vinedresser. But then he challenges the reader by stating, "Our dreams, like the disciples', are always too small. We are here to fulfill God's dream – that we will bring Him glory through a remarkably abundant life." He further elucidates that not all branches respond alike to the Vinedresser. This is where the difference lies.

If breakthrough is to occur, then you must understand and abide by three fundamentals of fruit bearing, hence the three secrets that unlock the overflowing fruitfulness for God in your life. The three secrets are that (1) if your life consistently bears no fruit, God will intervene to discipline you; (2) if your life bears some fruit, God will intervene to prune you; and (3) if your life bears much fruit, God will invite you to abide more deeply with Him. The Father disciplines the believer to overcome sin and disobedience, prunes the believer to bear more fruit, and commands the mature believer to abide in Him for much fruit. In the first two steps, the Father is proactive, and our role is to respond. The last step, abiding, is something the believer does. This doesn't come naturally. This is why God commands us to abide in Him. Intimacy with God is the secret of bearing much fruit!

This practical book is highly recommended for anyone interested in helping himself or herself understand how to make a maximum impact for God.

Order these books and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009, 1-800-541-1376.

Superannuated Birthdays for July

Rev. Mrs. Edna Parker ..... July 1
Rev. Sherrill Pope ..... July 4
Rev. M. R. Britton ..... July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall ..... July 19
Rev. Mrs. Betty Dowdy ..... July 21
Rev. Ezra Fann ..... July 21
Rev. Jesse Parson ..... July 27

Birth Announcement

Reverend and Mrs. Willis Pearson are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild. Amy and Jason became the proud parents of Faith Marie Davenport on May 16 at 1:16 p.m. at Beaufort County Hospital. She weighed 9 pounds and was 21 inches long.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

"Follow Me"

*In **Luke 9:23**, we find these words: **"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me."** I believe in my heart that there are many Christians today who do take up their crosses on a daily basis and follow Jesus.*

But as a general rule, most of us don't have to travel very far in our daily walk. However, there are some believers who travel hundreds, even thousands, of miles as they take up their crosses and follow Jesus. These special people are called "missionaries."

Jesus knew when he walked on this earth that not everyone he called into the kingdom would be able to leave their homes and jobs to travel all over the world physically. But there are those God calls to do just that.

God places in the hearts of missionaries a burning passion to see the lost of another culture come to know Jesus. These believers make sacrifices willingly, even joyfully, that cause most of us to shake our heads and say, "I'm glad it's you and not me!"

They give up comfortable, familiar homes to go to faraway places. In some of these far countries, the citizens don't even know what the Word of God is. They have never heard of Jesus. In some unreached areas, the Gospel is forbidden. Missionaries have to be very careful what they say or do because their lives are at risk But they take the risk gladly, considering eternal lives of others of greater value than their temporal ones.

In my line of work, I have to travel a great deal all over the United States. I know how it is to be away from home and family for weeks at a time. Some of the places I go are not welcoming or comfortable. Some of the people I meet are not friendly or kind. Then I imagine how our missionaries must feel sometimes. Sometimes they must feel they are all alone in the world, even though they know God is with them.

When things just don't seem to be going right, they probably long to visit their mom or dad or drop by their best friend's house for a cup of coffee and a prayer.

I guess I am trying to say that our missionaries need all of our support. Yes, they need our money to fund their mission outreach. But they especially need the support we give when we kneel before God and call out their names. And a letter or an e-mail from us certainly wouldn't hurt either!

Remember, missionaries are people, just like you and me. Sure, they get tired, and they get homesick. But they love God, and they don't give up! The least we can do from our safe, comfortable homes is to pray for them and make the calling of God on their lives as easy to fulfill as it possibly can be!

Special Note! *With the Global Outreach offering in July, won't you commit to the calling of our missionaries and consider giving a day's wage, a day of fasting, and a day of prayer to support them?*

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Did You Know?

- ➜ September 14-15 is the **North Carolina Men's Ministries Fall Advance**, in Falcon, NC. Mark your calendar...pastors and men...details are to be mailed.
- ➜ Need information on Men's Ministries? Check out www.iphc.org/mm.html.
- ➜ **The 2001 National Conference on Ministry to Men** will be October 11-13, 2001, in Atlanta, GA. One awesome event for pastors and men. Call Men's Ministries for a brochure...(910) 323-4777.

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Fayetteville	Mount Carmel	Monday, September 17	Gary Strickland	910-484-7334/ 910-485-4367
Goldsboro	Thunderswamp	Monday, September 24	Chris Brown	919-658-2304
Greenville	Family Life Tabernacle	Thursday, September 27	R. L. Downing	252-756-3400/ 252-746-8770
Lumberton	Westview	Thursday, September 20	Jack Owens	910-865-4524/ 910-865-6311
Morehead City	Smyrna	Tuesday, September 18	Vance Harrell	252-729-3000/ 252-729-7729
New Bern	Vanceboro	Tuesday, September 11	David Butts	252-439-0803/ 252-244-1357
Raleigh	Neuva Jerusalem	Thursday, September 13	Luis Manriquez	919-639-7339
Rocky Mount	Harvest Temple	Monday, September 10	Norwood Starling	252-537-5084
Williamston	Higher Ground	Thursday, September 6	Danny Harris	252-332-4129/ 252-332-4044
Wilmington	Harvest Fellowship	Tuesday, September 4	Vernon Potter	910-754-7051/ 910-754-6616
Wilson	Shiloh	Thursday, August 30	David Wood	252-237-0262

Schedule
7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
Refreshments 9:15
W.M. in Fellowship Hall
others in sanctuary

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference Director
P.O. Box 337
Vanceboro, NC 28586

"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

Lines From Linda

Summertime, and the living is easy... This line from *Porgy and Bess* caught my attention. For some reason, it carried me back to my childhood years. (I seem to like to visit that time of my life.)

I had just been admiring a picture which hangs over my computer desk. The picture is almost a replica of my childhood homestead. The house, the smoke house, the chicken coop, the well, the wash pot, and clothesline, the grape vine...and even the outhouse are all included in this piece of art by Dona and Jerry Locklair.

This picture depicts a summer day, with mother and daughter doing the laundry. Daddy is in the field plowing behind a mule. Junior is feeding the chickens. Grandmother is on the porch shelling peas, and Grandpa is drawing water from the well. The younger children are playing under the shade of a big, lush tree. A bird is perched on the clothesline post with the gourd birdhouses in the background. The front porch swing is idly waiting for the work to be finished and someone to sit there to rest.

Everybody is busy...doesn't look much like the living is too easy. There was always work to be done and a job for everyone. Being the daughter of a farmer, summer was a time when we all had extra chores to do. We were up early to work in the fields or gather vegetables from the garden. Canning and freezing vegetables were routine summer activities. A large family meant lots of laundry and cooking for my mother. Daddy worked very hard to provide a good living for us. My older brothers learned what hard work was at a very young age as they rose early to milk the cow and feed the animals and do the work assigned for each day.

Yet the *Porgy and Bess* line somehow still fits into that scene. No matter how busy we were, there seemed always to be time for fun. During the heat of the day, Moma would chip pieces of ice off the big block of ice in the kerosene refrigerator. The ice cooled an orange drink or lemonade to refresh us as we took a break from work. When the work was over for the day, we would strip off our clothes and bathe in a galvanized washtub in water which had been warmed by the summer sun.

When supper was finished and the dishes washed, we usually ended up on the front porch. The swing was idle no more as we children pushed each other back and forth in the night air. We filled Mason jars with lightning bugs (what city folks call fireflies). We played tag and romped and played until it was too dark to find each other. Daddy sometimes played the mouth harp, and we would all take our turn trying to make a tune. Aunts, uncles, cousins, and neighbors came over for front porch visits.

Once inside, there was no television to distract us. We made candy or played paper dolls. We listened to the adults talk about our family roots. We enjoyed the night sounds coming through the open windows. We were allowed to stay up a little later on summer nights since we didn't have to go to school the next morning. There was a relaxed atmosphere in those days...those lazy days of summer.

We never got to vacation in Hawaii or visit the Virgin Islands. We didn't have a lot of luxuries of life. We didn't have the money for such. But what we did have was time for family...working together and playing together. We had time for friends...visiting and sharing. We had time to enjoy each other.

Easy? I'm not sure it was always easy! But summertime at our house was certainly fun!

THE ART OF GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS

(Scripture references: Luke 14:8-11; Matthew 5:38-42; Matthew 7:1-5)

Getting along with others is an art that should be cultivated by each of us. We are surrounded by people most of the time, and we must know how to get along with them. Nothing mars our happiness more than friction with others. Here are a few things that are good for us to practice:

- NEVER LET AN OPPORTUNITY PASS TO SAY A KIND AND ENCOURAGING WORD to or about somebody. Praise good work done, regardless of who does it. Many people have succeeded in life because of the encouraging words of their friends. If criticism is needed, and you are the person to give it, criticize helpfully but never spitefully.

- MAKE PROMISES SPARINGLY AND KEEP THEM FAITHFULLY. Your word should be your bond. When you develop a reputation for not keeping your word, you are practically destroyed so far as influence for good is concerned. People will like you so long as they can trust you to do what you promise.

- BE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN OTHERS. Be interested in other people's likes and dislikes, their comfort and happiness. Be interested in their welfare. Regardless of how "sorry" others may consider a person to be, he or she is of real value. People are creatures of God and should be regarded as such. When you really know them, you will discover their value. "Many a flower is born to blush unseen and waste its fragrance on the desert air."

- LEARN TO HOLD YOUR TONGUE. Many a friendship has been broken by having said the wrong thing. Always say less than you think. Cultivate a low, pleasing, and persuasive voice. How you say a thing counts far more than what you say. "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

- BE CAREFUL. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. No one likes a chronic grumbler. Hide your pains, worries, and disappointments under a smile. I do not mean by this that you should force your smiles. A forced smile becomes a contorted frown. Really feel the joy of living, and you can be cheerful. "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say rejoice" (Philippians 4:4).

- KEEP AN OPEN MIND ON ALL DEBATABLE QUESTIONS. To the other person, his point of view is right; therefore, discuss with him, but don't argue. We cannot win an argument. If you win, you lose. It is a mark of superior minds to disagree and yet be friendly. If we disagree, let's not be disagreeable. "Better...is he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city" (Proverbs 16:32).

- DO NOT BRAG OF YOUR VIRTUES NOR TALK OF ANOTHER'S VICES. Your virtues will advertise themselves, and to talk of another's vices is in a measure to brag on ourselves. Make it a rule of life to say nothing of another unless it is something good. The "scavengers" will pick up the gossip and keep it going. God doesn't like that kind of person. (Proverbs 6:17-19)

- BE CAREFUL OF ANOTHER'S FEELINGS. Every person is somewhat sensitive. Wit and humor at the expense of others are not worth the effort and often hurt where least expected. The real Christian will avoid hurting the other person's feelings unnecessarily. Love people genuinely, and you will do unto them as you wish to be done by.

- PAY LITTLE ATTENTION TO BAD REMARKS MADE ABOUT YOU. Live such a good life that no one who knows you will believe anything bad about you. If you pay attention to false witnesses, they will drag you down to their level. Then you will be as bad as they are. A clean mind will help us to keep sane; however, not every sane mind is clean. A person's thinking controls his actions. "As a person thinketh in his heart, so is he." He who thinks evil will do evil. When evil is suggested to our minds, we must overcome it with pure thoughts. We must bear Christian fruit.

- DO NOT BE TOO ANXIOUS ABOUT WHAT IS COMING TO YOU. Be patient. Do your work well. Keep your disposition sweet; forget self. Lose your life for Christ's sake, and you will be rewarded abundantly. "His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me."

NOTE: This article was lifted from the July 1966 edition of *The Helping Hand*. It was written by Mrs. N. D. Sellers of Elgin, South Carolina. Mrs. Sellers, now deceased, was the mother of Mrs. Phyllis Harrell, NCWM board member.

GIRLS MINISTRIES RETREAT

North Carolina Girls' Ministries met at The First Church in Goldsboro for their annual retreat on Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2. From all areas of the North Carolina Conference, girls came with sleeping bags in tow. They claimed their sleeping quarters and settled in for a happy sleepover experience.

The Friday night main attraction was The Capital Church Drama Team presentation. They presented skits with spiritual impact. Ashley Hudson did a beautiful interpretive dance to "God Loves You." Following a refreshment break, the girls participated in talent presentations. The talent varied from a fashion show to solos.

Mrs. Sandra Britt, NCGM Director, stood guard as the girls bedded down and into the morning hours as some girls enjoyed visiting and chatting.

On Saturday morning, the girls enjoyed breakfast prior to enjoying a skit about Dorcas which was presented by the Holly Hill Missionettes. Mrs. Linda Thomas, NCWM director, gave the devotion in which she challenged the girls to "Bend and Stretch." Bend to help others and to be humble before God and stretch to reach the potential God has given them.

Awards were presented for accomplishments of each club. The girls also enjoyed games and fellowship during this retreat time.

A Missionettes sponsor training will be held in Falcon on October 26 and 27. Anyone interested in information regarding Girls' Ministries and the Missionettes program should contact Mrs. Sandra Britt at 910-594-1229 or 1736 Watershed Road, Newton Grove, NC 28366.

Girls bed down for a good night's sleep at the GM retreat/sleepover.

Mrs. Myrt Morris and girls from Holly Hill Girls' Ministries present the Dorcas skit during the retreat morning devotions.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE

Summertime is a good time to have family fun. Be sure the family spends time together. Plan family fun! Let each family member choose a fun project to do. Go horseback riding, play tennis, ride bikes, go camping, go fishing, visit a museum, or build something (the list is limitless). During each project the focus should be on having fun together, not on competition or achievement. If a project doesn't work out as planned, that's okay. Remember the object of this project is to spend fun time together. You may want to keep a souvenir from your time together – a physical item that can serve as a reminder of good memories.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IN JULY

In the heat of summer, it is often difficult and sometimes even dangerous for some people to work outside. Take a Saturday morning to help someone. Mow the grass, weed the garden, wash the car. Do whatever is needed. Take along a jug of ice water or lemonade to share with the one you are helping. You'll feel good after giving a helping hand.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism – July 2001

On Friday night and Saturday morning, (June 1 and 2) I had the privilege to sit in on Hispanic training in the Conference Cafeteria Training Center as John Parker taught a six hour course on "Our Liberty in Christ as Opposed to Legalism." I was deeply impressed, not because I could understand a lot of what he was teaching.

I was impressed at the demeanor, the desire to learn, and reverence for the things of God among the Hispanic brothers and sisters. It seemed as if they were soaking up like sponges all that was being taught them. As I sat on Friday evening, surveying 48 men and women attentive to the class, a verse of scripture came to mind.

Acts 17:11 – "Now these were better disposed and more noble than those in Thessalonica, for they were entirely ready and accepted and welcomed the message concerning the attainment through Christ of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God with inclination of mind and eagerness, searching and examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so." There were 48 present on Friday night and 51 present on Saturday morning. Hispanic training is given four times a year as an arm of Evangelism Ministries. The first two training events of 2001 have been well attended and received by our Hispanic brothers and sisters. I can truly say that "God is up to something" among the Hispanic population of Eastern North Carolina. We now have 24 Hispanic congregations and are presently working with 3 groups who we hope will soon become a part of the IPHC. On July 7 we will be organizing the Benson Hispanic Church. Recently, two new Hispanic groups started up in the Smithfield Pentecostal Holiness Church and in the Chapel of Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church in Clayton. There are several more areas across our conference in which there are possibilities of planting Hispanic groups; let's pray to that end. On July 29 we will be organizing Christ Cathedral of Praise Pentecostal Holiness Church in Cary. There is interest in beginning Anglo works in Raeford and in the Manteo-Kill Devil Hills area. As you can see, God is desiring to use the IPHC to build His kingdom. However, as we discuss church planting, there is one important prayer request that I have to make of you. Especially in regard to the Anglo works, will you join me in prayer that God will raise up men and women out of our congregations who will hear and heed the ministry call to plant churches? There is a growing need in our conference and denomination for God-called men and women in church planting and pastoral ministry. We need to make this an object of focused prayer. Our Lord is truly setting before us the "open door of ministry"; we need to step through that door. If we as a denomination don't move with God in these last days, He will move on without us; He will find a group or movement that will respond. We are responding; however, we need more personnel to reach this generation. Praise God for what He is doing through the ministries of the IPHC, yet there is so much more that needs to be done. Thanks to you for your prayers and support of Evangelism.

In the remaining months of 2001 into 2002, we want to emphasize the importance of support through the Church Planters Fellowship. This is a worthwhile effort/ministry that has been used to support and help a number of new and existing churches. It is a ministry that all can be a part of on a monthly basis of prayer and a small yet important financial commitment of ten. There are a number of our people who faithfully support this ministry; however, I want to see the roster grow with contributors committed to seeing the kingdom of God advance. Also, there are quite a number of our churches who are advancing toward certain attendance barriers in systematic Bible Study and worship attendance; the 50-100-200 barrier, even 300, 400 and some beyond. The twelve district directors have in their hands Breaking Barriers videos and workbooks. They are busy trying to set up venues in which interested pastors and leadership teams can view them and utilize them in their congregations.

In closing, let's be reminded that in all our plans and aspirations, it is absolutely vital that we have the presence and anointing of the Holy Spirit; for our Lord Himself said, "Without me you can do nothing."

Missions – July 2001

On July 15, the 102nd Camp Meeting will be starting. I am looking forward to that time. I am also greatly anticipating our annual Global Outreach service on July 22 at 5:30 p.m. As almost everyone knows by now, our goal in the North Carolina Conference is $250,000; and our goal in the IPHC is $1,625,000. I fully believe this is a reachable goal. With every church working together and striving to set and reach a local goal, this goal will be reached. Have you set your goal – church, pastor, church member? Just today I received information concerning missions in the IPHC. I want to pass some of that news along to you so that you can praise God along with me. These statistics cover the period ending with the year 2000. The worldwide family of the IPHC is growing rapidly. Our overseas membership excluding affiliations now stands at 1,147,918 and 8,959 churches. That represents a 34% increase in membership. This kind of growth could not be possible without the tremendous support of people like YOU! We now have 187 missionaries in 92 countries. These bits of good news excite me, but there is much more. If you will join us at the Global Outreach service on July 22, I will tell you more and relay to you some urgent needs in certain areas. God is moving by His Spirit! And the IPHC is being used greatly. Thank you for what you have done and thank you for what you're going to do. Just continue to respond to the Holy Spirit's challenge. Thank you pastors, local missions directors, church people for your prayers and faithful financial support toward every aspect of missions ministry.

As you know the GO offering is split between World Missions and Evangelism USA. 75% goes to World Missions, and 25% goes to Evangelism USA. As well as advancing the ministries of Evangelism USA, there are plans to plant churches in New York City, NY; Cincinnati, Ohio; Anchorage, Alaska; and Madisonville, Kentucky.

Also, with its portion of the GO offering, World Missions has several priorities in mind:

- Project Antioch grants of $50,000 each; church planting projects in these world class cities: Kumasi, Ghana; Kiev, Ukraine; Mahipalpur, New Delhi, India; Guatemala City, Guatamala
- Overseas ministry projects
- Deficit missionary accounts
- Annual missionary retreats
- "Quick Start" missionary program
- Church plants worldwide
- Promotion

Let's gather on Sunday, July 22, at 5:00 p.m. in the Culbreth Auditorium; let's fill it to capacity to:

CELEBRATE THE MISSION!

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
CEM
CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

A note from the Director...

Whenever I have the opportunity to train leaders, I use the acronym REAL to discuss how to be a real success.

"R" stands for Relationships. If you and I are going to be successful, we have to be able to get along with people. People won't go along with us if they can't get along with us. We just have to be able to connect relationally with them.

"E" stands for Equipping and Training. If we want to be successful, we have to be able to train people and continually sharpen our ability to equip people. Many hands make the load light.

"A" stands for Attitude. Without a tenacious attitude, a positive attitude, or a humble attitude, we'll never find real success or appreciate it if we find it.

"L" stands for Leadership. We must be able to lead and work with others to achieve anything significant in this world. We must be able to build teams and motivate people to help us in whatever our cause may be.

Take a few moments to contemplate these four simple reminders and ask yourself, "Which is my weakest area?" For those willing to commit themselves to a lifelong pattern of relational growth, REAL success is assured.

2001
NC Conference
Powwow Information

DATE:

September 28 – September 30, 2001

Our theme for this year's POWWOW is "Soul Survivor." It will be held at Cabin Lake Park. You are going to experience the excitement of competition and a gigantic Swap Meet in the FCF Village. There will be a search for the "Lost Treasure" hidden somewhere at Cabin Lake Park to combine fun and adventure with the mental gymnastics of deciphering clues. We will have a Council Fire, and our guest speaker will be Rev. Willis Pearson. With God's anointing upon Brother Pearson, we expect to see many boys and men touched by God at this Council Fire Service.

Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, September 28, and continues until 6:00 p.m.

Up & Coming Events

JUNIOR TRAINING CAMPS
JLTC and AJTC
July 25-28, 2001
Falcon, NC

FRESH FIRE RETREAT
September 21, 22, and 23
Ages 13 & Up

POWWOW
September 28 and 30
Cabin Lake Park
Registration begins at 3:00 p.m.

THE "GATHERING"
Date: September 30
At TWO locations for your traveling convenience:
Northwood Temple in Fayetteville Speaker: Keith O'Neal
Glad Tidings in Morehead City Speaker: To be announced
Services will begin at 6:00 p.m.

For more information on the above events, log on to WWW.NCCEM.NET or call the NC Conference Church Education Ministries Department at (910) 980-1162 ext. 204.

Falcon Camp Meeting

"...renewing its ministry emphasis to the family and community."

D. Chris Thompson

Camp Meeting Manager
Superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of The Pentecostal Holiness Church

Falcon Camp Meeting began in the fires of Holiness Revival at the end of the 19th century. This year marks 102 years of faithful ministry. It began and continues as a community event. Later the manager and founder, J. A. Culbreth, turned it over to the North Carolina Conference for supervision. The influence of the camp meeting now reaches throughout North Carolina, the USA, and ultimately around the world through its missions emphasis.

This year, the camp meeting is renewing its ministry emphasis to the family and community. Services will be provided for all age groups. Area ministers of like belief will be speaking in the morning services. Prayer will be a major priority. It will be a great week! We are praying for a mighty move of God.

Featured Speaker
Dr. Ronald Carpenter, Sr.

Dr. Ronald W. Carpenter is a native of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, where he was reared in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was converted and called into ministry at the age of 16. After graduation from high school, he married Miss Nan Hale of Darlington, North Carolina. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Rev. Carpenter holds bachelor's degrees from Holmes Bible College and Bob Jones University. He earned an M.A. degree from Bob Jones University and Th.M. and Th.D degrees from Immanuel Baptist Seminary. He has taught at Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Georgia; Holmes Bible College and Rutledge College in Greenville, South Carolina.

Over a period of 16 years, Rev. Carpenter was a very successful pastor in three churches in the Upper South Carolina Conference. In 1986 he was elected conference superintendent and served in that position until 1997. This tenure was marked by exceptional growth, both in statistics and finances.

On the national level of the denomination, he has served in many advisory capacities and on several boards. In 1997 Rev. Carpenter was elected assistant general superintendent of his denomination and now serves as the executive director of Evangelism USA. Last year some 154 new churches were planted.

Brother Carpenter's greatest desire is to be of service in the kingdom of God. The spirit in which that service is rendered is identified in the life text God laid in his heart in 1978, "...nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). Because of this willingness to serve and his giftings as teacher and preacher, Dr. Carpenter is much in demand for revivals, seminars, camp meetings, and other speaking engagements.

Jeff Oglesby

IPHC 2000 Sunday School Teacher of the Year

Jeff is the secretary-treasurer of the Saint John Church, Goldsboro District. He teaches an adult class there. He is a graduate of Emmanuel College. Jeff is an award winning insurance salesman with American General Life and Accident.

Rev. Erik Lawson

Saturday Night Youth Speaker

Erik is an anointed speaker with special gifts to speak to the youth. He is the associate pastor at Oneighty (National Youth Ministry of the Church on the Move). He has oversight of ten ministry departments with more than 150 workers. He is in high demand as a youth evangelist.

Rev. Wiley Hughes

Music Director

Brother Hughes has been the music and C.E. director of the Mount Carmel Church. He is entering the evangelism and music ministry full-time. He has been approved as a North Carolina Conference evangelist.

Dwayne and Connie Dunning

Children's Ministry

Dwayne is a deacon and Connie is the W.M. president at the Culbreth Memorial Church in Falcon. They have a Spirit-anointed ministry with puppets, etc., for children and adults. They are sought out for vacation Bible schools, youth revivals, etc. They will be ministering to the children ages 3 to 9.

CAMP MEETING A.M. SPEAKERS

Rev. Elton Bryan
Brother Bryan is pastor of the Sanford First Church. He is a member of the N.C. Conference board.

Rev. Roland Harrell
Brother Harrell is the stewardship officer and secretary-treasurer of the N.C. Conference. As such, he is a member of the conference board and works out of the conference office, Falcon.

Rev. Preston Heath
Brother Heath is the general superintendent of the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Heath is familiar with the Dunn-Falcon area He pastored the Stoney Run Church for a number of years. He is a preacher, educator, and excellent administrator. Several of the conference ministers are graduates of Heritage Bible College.

Rev. Charles Kelly
Brother Kelly is currently the superintendent of the N. C. District Council of the Assemblies of God. He is a graduate of Southeastern College in Lakeland, Florida He is in demand as a speaker in pulpit ministry, training seminars, leadership seminars, etc. He ministers out of the church headquarters in Selma, N.C.

Rev. Danny Nelson
Brother Nelson is the Evangelism/World Missions director of the conference. He ministers out of the conference office and is a member of the N.C. Conference Board.

Dr. Ralph Richardson
Dr. Richardson is president of Bible Alive Ministries. He is very involved in conducting luncheon Bible studies, radio Bible teaching, Bible conferences, pulpit supply, and the provider of much printed Bible materials. He is the founder and former pastor of the Church of the Open Door in Fayetteville, N.C. He is currently the chancellor of Carolina Bible College in Fayetteville and past president.

Rev. Gary Strickland
Brother Strickland is pastor of the Mount Carmel Church in Fayetteville. He is member of the N.C. Conference board.

Dr. Richard Waters
Dr. Waters is the president of Holmes Bible College in Greenville, S.C. He is a member of the N. C. Conference. He is known as a Bible scholar and excellent teacher. Under his leadership, Holmes is relocating to a new campus.

Rev. Jimmy Whitfield
Brother Whitfield is pastor of The First Church in Goldsboro. He is the assistant superintendent of the N.C. Conference.

Rev. Bobby Williams
Brother Williams is pastor of the Kinston First Church in Kinston.

Schedule of Services

Sunday, July 15th
5:30 P.M. .....Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Monday, July 16th
7:45 A.M. .....Breakfast
8:30 A.M. .....Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M. .....Rev. Gary Strickland
11:00 A.M. .....Rev. Ralph Richardson
12:30 P.M. .....Lunch
5:30 P.M. .....Dinner
6:30 P.M. .....Choir practice
7:30 P.M. .....Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Tuesday, July 17th
7:45 A.M. .....Breakfast
8:30 A.M. .....Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M. .....Rev. Elton Bryan
11:00 A.M. .....Rev. Jimmy Whitfield
12:30 P.M. .....Lunch
5:30 P.M. .....Dinner
6:30 P.M. .....Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. .....Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Wednesday, July 18th
7:45 A.M. .....Breakfast
8:30 A.M. .....Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M. .....Rev. Bobby Williams
11:00 A.M. .....Rev. Preston Heath
12:30 P.M. .....Lunch
12:30 P.M. .....Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon
5:30 P.M. .....Dinner
6:30 P.M. .....Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. .....Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Thursday, July 19th
7:45 A.M. .....Breakfast
8:30 A.M. .....Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M. .....Rev. Roland Harrell
11:00 A.M. .....Dr. Charles Kelly
12:30 P.M. .....Lunch
12:30 P.M. .....Superannuated Minister's Luncheon
5:30 P.M. .....Dinner
6:30 P.M. .....Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. .....Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Friday, July 20th
7:45 A.M. .....Breakfast
8:30 A.M. .....Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:00 A.M. .....Conference Session Dr. Ronald Carpenter, Presiding Officer
12:30 P.M. .....Lunch
2:00 P.M. .....Special Buildings' Dedication
2:30 P.M. .....Memorial Service
4:30 P.M. .....Ministers' Wives Fellowship
5:30 P.M. .....Dinner
6:30 P.M. .....Choir Practice
7:30 P.M. .....Dr. Ronald Carpenter

Saturday, July 21st
7:45 A.M. .....Breakfast
8:30 A.M. .....Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M. .....Rev. Danny Nelson
11:00 A.M. .....Dr. Richard Waters
12:30 P.M. .....Lunch
5:30 P.M. .....Dinner
7:00 P.M. .....Youth Emphasis Director Charles Boyd
Message: Erik Lawson

Sunday, July 22nd
7:45 A.M. .....Breakfast
8:30 A.M. .....Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M. .....Sunday School Octagon Tabernacle
Jeff Oglesby
10:45 A.M. .....Dr. Ronald Carpenter
12:30 P.M. .....Lunch
3:00 P.M. .....Singspiration
Rev. Wiley Hughes
5:30 P.M. .....World Evangelism Emphasis Director Danny Nelson
Message: Dr. Ronald Carpenter

• **Special Note** – Continuing Education Units will be awarded to ministers who attend the 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. classes and promotional conference. A minimum of one credit will be offered for each session.

The 9:30 A.M. service will be in the Octagon Tabernacle. ALL OTHER SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETING WILL BE IN THE J. A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE

Rooms Available

Rooms are available at $15.00 per night in the Taylor Home, former C.E. Home, and newly renovated School Building. The cost is $10.00 per night in the Blue Dormitory. An additional $2.00 per person per room is charged for three or more to the room. Secretary, Dolores Reynolds, should be contacted for reservations at 910-980-1162

Meals

Meals will be available on campus in the Cafeteria Training Center, Monday-Sunday. The canteen will be opened after the evening services, Monday-Saturday. Special picnic facilities will be available for Sunday, the 22nd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Early Morning Prayer** Win Director Lydia Figueroa will be leading a special time of intercession each morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Octagon Tabernacle. The Octagon Tabernacle will be open during the day for prayer as well.

- **Nursery** A nursery will be available for evening services in the Cafeteria Training Center for children under two.

- **Children Services** A special children's service will be held each evening in the Training Room of the School Building dormitory. Children three to nine may attend the services. There will be no Saturday night service. Sunday night's service will be after the missions service.

- **NC Conf. Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon** The Evangelism Ministries and Director Danny Nelson will be hosting a luncheon for the full-time evangelists Wednesday.

- **Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon** will he hosted by Superintendent Thompson and the Conference board at lunch on Thursday. Special honorees will be the 2001 retirees. Rev. J. Doner Lee is the president of these Royal Elders.

- **Falcon Children's Home Emphasis** Thursday, 7:30 p.m. The Children's Home will be furnishing the special music. Superintendent Long will be present with the children.

- **Memorial Service** for the Camp Meeting Association will be held in conjunction with the Conference Session on Friday at 2:30 p.m. Assistant Superintendent Jimmy Whitfield will be in charge.

- **Ministers' Wives Fellowship Banquet** will meet in the Conference Cafeteria private dining room. Registration begins at 4:30 with the meal to follow at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Betty Thompson, MWF director, is in charge of this meeting.

- **Youth Emphasis** for the Camp Meeting will be Saturday evening, 7:00 p.m. Conference Church Education Ministries Director Charles Boyd will be in charge.

- **Singspiration** Sunday afternoon, 3:00 p.m. Music Director Wiley Hughes will be in charge.

- **World Evangelism Emphasis** Sunday night, 5:30 p.m. The annual Global Outreach Offering from the churches will be celebrated. A goal of $250,000 has been prayerfully set. World Missions Director Danny Nelson will be in charge.

- **Sunday School** on July 22nd will be in the Octagon Tabernacle. Jeff Oglesby, the 2000 National and Conference Sunday School Teacher of the Year, will be teaching.

- **Buildings Dedication** During the conference session on Friday, July 20th, 2:00 p.m., the new School Building renovation and former Conference Superintendent's house will be dedicated.

- **Conference Session** On Friday July 20th, 9:00 a.m., the 91st session of the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church will meet.

- **Directory Pictures** During the day on Friday and Saturday, photographers from Lifetouch Church Directories will be taking pictures of the Conference licensed and ordained clergy A new directory is being prepared. Pictures will be made in the Cafeteria Training Center.

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Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 5:1

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Looking Back in Order to Look Ahead!

Two incidents over the last month made a powerful spiritual impact on me. One was a visit to Azusa Street in Los Angeles. The other was doing research in one of Rev. W. Eddie Morris' diaries.

On May 28, I was in Los Angeles attending the Pentecostal World Conference. It was Monday, the day of the Azusa Street tour. I stood with 100 other archivists, church leaders, and others at Azusa Street and a home on Bonnie Brae Avenue. It was at that home that the Azusa Street revival began in 1906. Later, the services moved to the mission on Azusa Street.

The home on Bonnie Brae Street has been restored by the Four Square Church. The piano and some other pieces of furniture are original. It was at that piano that the future Mrs. William Seymour sat and played. In one of the services, she was baptized in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with tongues. The latter reign outpouring of the Holy Spirit had begun.

Rev. William Seymour and the small group at Bonnie Brae and later Azusa Street changed the world. That revival and outpouring of the Holy Spirit led to one of the largest religious movements in history. Current Pentecostalism, the second-largest segment of Christendom, now numbers over a half billion followers. The North Carolina Conference and the IPHC are a vital part of that movement. The movement began with one Louisiana preacher in a far and strange place who depended on the Lord. Yes, there were other revivals in Topeka, Kansas, and many other places. However, it seems that Azusa Street was the point of explosion. From there, evangelists would carry the new message of the Pentecostal experience to hungry hearts around the world. The foundation was ordinary people who dared trust God and move forward under His anointing.

In late June, I was doing research on some of the buildings in Falcon as they relate to the North Carolina Conference. Sister Daisy Morris was gracious enough to allow me to read through two of Rev. W. Eddie Morris' annual diaries. Wow! What a resource of vital information for the conference and for personal religious growth. I could not put the books down. Brother Morris spoke of challenges – both in individual lives and in churches. He was always most gracious and positive. Day after day, he closed his diary entries with prayers for the Lord's guidance and wisdom.

It was so encouraging and refreshing to see one man's anointed wisdom as he led the conference forward. Here was a man who trusted in the Lord. Brother Morris served 24 years as North Carolina Conference Superintendent. On his taking office, there were 81 ministers and 2,113 members in 77 churches. At the time of his leaving office, the Conference had 241 ministers and 162 churches. The membership was over 9,000.

Both Brother Seymour and Brother Morris were supernaturally touched by God. When one has been touched by God in a supernatural way, there is no going back. One is captured for life.

The challenge of the clergy and church members of the North Carolina Conference is before us. Yet we must know the past. We cannot forsake or forget what the Lord has done and said to us. The future is ahead and not behind. Yet the lessons learned from the past will guide us through the future.

Our forefathers have taught us many truths. God's love is for everyone, for all cultures. God uses ordinary men and women who depend on Him. Through Him miraculous things can occur. Paul learned as he labored that the Lord "stood by him." So He does for all His children.

Many things change, but many things do not change. Sin is still sin. But God is still God. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor/Teacher Merrill Davis

Ripe for Harvest: The Role of Spiritual Awakening in Church Growth by Lewis A. Drummond. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2001, 212 pages.

Man's view of sin and God's view of sin make for an interesting study that will enable the disciple to understand the real problem of reaching sinners for Christ. For example, man views sin as pleasure, whereas God sees it as slavery and bondage. Most importantly, God sees sin at the end, for sin when it is finished brings forth death. The point is that sinners are lost, really lost. Do we believe that? Sinners fail to understand that sin diverts the mind and distracts the soul from understanding the purpose of sin, which leads to more deception and ultimately death. Sinners are in a state of imminent peril, and the overwhelming majority fail to realize it. But this is not the only dilemma the church faces. Far too often, when we have found the enemy, it is us. The fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few. There are plenty of sinners to go around, but laborers to reap the harvest are in short supply.

Drummond, a noted evangelical who has written over twenty books, has made a considerable offering to the study of world evangelization. In the new publication, he sets out to bridge the methodologies of spiritual revival and church growth. Growing a church has developed into an art and a science. The author stresses that a spiritual awakening marked by vital spiritual disciplines enhances the evangelical thrust of the church. Revival in the church increases the opportunities and possibilities of reaching sinners.

A true spiritual awakening for Drummond is not a series of services in the spring and fall of each year that may gain a few converts, only to weaken them in the winter and lose them in the summer. When an awakening arrives, a church experiences a "thorough purification." The people desire a closer walk with God and want to experience His presence throughout the day producing godliness and holiness. The church faces its sin and rebellion. Confession and repentance take place across all classes of people within the ranks of the established church. Unregenerated church members become alive in spirit and in truth. Spiritual and emotional release occur. Love for God no longer waxes and wanes. Discipline nurtures in us a spiritual staying power. Christian living becomes consistent and in congruence with the life and work of Jesus Christ. Spiritual myopia is suddenly and miraculously cured. The view of the field of destitute and deceived sinners becomes clearer.

Jesus saves. The church must act. The world is dying to hear this life-giving message. The church prays to the Lord of the Harvest. He answers the scriptural and spiritual prayer and supernaturally sends forth laborers into His harvest. Full of God, I must tell the good news. How can I allow one sinner to walk headlong into destruction without at least one warning against his or her dangerous path? My sprightful brothers and sisters must tell the good news. Let the Gospel ring throughout the land. Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so! Every Christian can at least say so. You don't have to be EE qualified to be able to "say so"! While we occupy until the Lord Jesus returns, let us GO! The Master says, "Go"...until He comes. The sinner world, ripe for harvest, awaits for Christians to act and move their way.

Let us step down from our lofty heights and ivory towers as Jesus came down from heaven and by the will of God providentially became a man, "the Bread of heaven who hungered, the Fountain that thirsted, the Light that slept, the Truth yet accused by false witnesses, the Teacher beaten with whips, the Foundation suspended on wood, the Healer who was wounded, that Life might die," that men might be saved. The greatest danger the world faces today is for good men to do nothing. What if Jesus had taken that course in response to man's predicament in the Fall? Only a spiritual awakening shall stir the church to affirmative action that leads to a great harvest of souls worldwide. Come, Holy Ghost. Bind us to our, sacred duty. Come, Holy Wind. Propel us to the greatest task of the universe. Let our padded pews become springboards for evangelical action before it is too late.

The book addresses a number of critical and provocative issues of church growth and its effect on the church as a whole. Allow me to advise you in purchasing this eye-opening, heart-stirring publication. You will not be disappointed. MLD

Order these books and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009, 1-800-541-1376.

Superannuated Birthdays for August

Rev. Kenneth Tart ..... August 4
Rev. W. H. Tyson ..... August 4
Rev. L. L. Lassiter ..... August 6
Rev. Edsel Hooks ..... August 9
Rev. W. G. Batten ..... August 10
Rev. Joe Russell ..... August 13
Rev. J. H. Norton ..... August 18
Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell ..... August 19
Rev. T. H. Godwin ..... August 20
Rev. H. P. Woodard ..... August 22
Rev. Mrs. Lynette Mosley ..... August 23
Rev. W.V. Denning ..... August 26

ANNOUNCING
CHOCOWINITY CAMP MEETING
AUGUST 16-26, 2001

SPEAKERS: Rev. Roger Leggett, Williamston First
Rev. Bobby Williams, Kinston First

SERVICES: 7:30 nightly (7:00 p.m. on Sunday)
Sunday a.m. – Pastor Ronnie Gurganus

Ormond Williams will lead the singing. Area church choirs will furnish the special music.

Schedule

August	16	Bobby Williams
	17	Roger Leggett
	18	Bobby Williams
	19	Roger Leggett
	20	Bobby Williams
	21	Roger Leggett
	22	Bobby Williams
	23	Roger Leggett
	24	Bobby Williams
	25	Roger Leggett
	26	Bobby Williams

Mrs. Shirley Asby Hopkins
August 7, 1934 – June 20, 2001

On Friday, June 22, 2001, special memorial services were held for Sister Shirley Hopkins at the Paul Funeral Home in Belhaven, N.C. Sister Hopkins had fought a courageous and lengthy battle with leukemia. She was laid to rest at the Ryder Hill Cemetery. Rev. Willie Murl Cordon and Rev. David Blake officiated at the service.

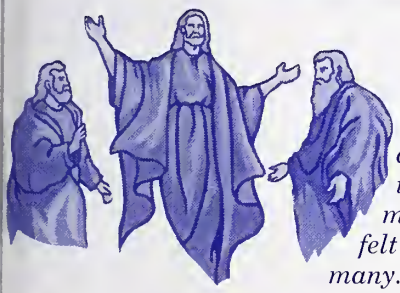
Shirley Hopkins was a delightful Christian wife and mother. She is survived by her husband, Pastor Medford Hopkins, and her three sons – Freddie, Michael, and Montie. The Lord blessed her with five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She and Brother Medford would have been married forty-nine years on September 26.

Here was a lady who knew how to be a faithful pastor's wife. She was committed to her Lord, her husband, family, and the work of the pastorate. She enjoyed being a pastor's wife. For twelve years she and Pastor Hopkins have labored at Belhaven. The church grew from an average of ten to sixty. She will be greatly missed. Heaven is richer for her presence. It was always a joy to see Sister Shirley with Brother Medford at various meetings. She always had a kind and encouraging word. She will be missed!

Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry



Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

"Ready to Quit?"

When we first got saved, we began to look at things differently. Our lives began to move in directions we never thought they would. As our hearts and minds developed into the mind-set of Christ, we sensed God growing within us. Soon we felt God calling us into various areas of ministry, for there are many. We were really excited because we were now doing something good! We were spreading the "Good News" of Jesus everywhere and to everyone, and we were trying to encourage others by sharing the love of Jesus.

But time passed, and we started feeling that no one was listening and no one really cared. Feeling that we were just beating our heads against a brick wall, we thought about just quitting and forgetting it all. This can and does happen to new and old Christians alike. In times like this, we must focus on ***who*** *called us. It was no one else but* ***God****!*

·Please consider the following:

"REQUEST FOR TRANSFER"

"TO: Commander-in-Chief Spiritual Armed Forces...Jesus Christ

Dear Lord, I am writing this to You to request a transfer to a desk job. I herewith present my reasons: I began my career as a private; because of the intensity of the battle, You have quickly moved me up in the ranks. You have made me an officer and given me a tremendous amount of responsibility. There are many soldiers and recruits under my charge. I am constantly being called upon to dispense wisdom, make judgments, and find solutions to complex problems. You have placed me in a position to function as an officer, when in my heart I know I have only the skills of a private. I realize that You have promised to supply all I would need for the battle. But Sir, I must present You a realistic picture of my equipment. My uniform, once so crisp and starched, is now stained with the tears and blood of those I have tried to assist. The soles of my boots are cracked and worn from the miles I have walked trying to enlist and encourage the instructed troops. My weapons are marred, tarnished, and chipped from constant battle against the enemy. Even the Book of Regulations I was issued has been torn and tattered from endless use. The words are now smeared. You have promised You would be with me throughout, but when the noise of the battle is so loud and the confusion is so great, I can neither see nor hear You. I love being in Your service. But I humbly request a demotion and transfer. I'll file papers or clean latrines. Just get me out of the battle, please, Sir. ***Your Faithful but tired Warrior."***

"TO: Faithful but Tired Soldier, Spiritual Armed Forces. LOCATION: The Battlefield. SUBJECT: Transfer

Dear Soldier, Your request for transfer has been denied. I herewith present My reasons: You are needed in this battle. I have selected you, and I will keep My word to supply your needs. You do not need a demotion and transfer. (You'd never cut it on latrine duty.) You need a period of "R & R" – Renewal and Rekindling. I am setting aside a place on the battlefield that is insulated from all sound and fully protected from the enemy. I will meet you there, and I will give you rest. I will remove your old equipment and "make all things new." You have been wounded in the battle, My soldier. Your wounds are not visible, but you have received grave internal injuries. You need to be healed. I will heal you. You have been weakened in the battle. You need to be strengthened. I will strengthen you and be your strength. I will instill in you confidence and ability. My Words will rekindle within you and renew love, zeal and enthusiasm. Report to Me tattered and empty. I will refill you. ***Compassionately, Your Commander-in-Chief... Jesus Christ."*** *(Author Unknown)*

God is faithful to His Word and to what He has called you to do. So take time to be refilled by His Spirit and refuel on His Word, but don't retire! God isn't finished with you yet!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- September 14-15 is the **North Carolina Men's Ministries Fall Advance** in Falcon, N.C...pastors and men...details are to be mailed.
- **2001 National Conference on Ministry to Men** Will be October 11-13, 2001, in Atlanta, GA. One awesome event for pastors and men. Call Men's Ministries for a brochure...(910) 323-4777.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference Director
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"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

Lines From Linda

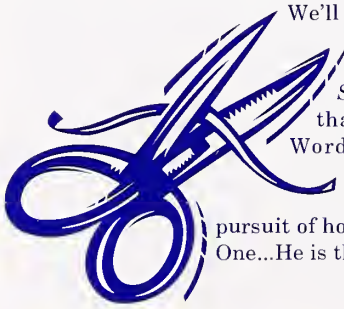
Recently while making curtains for our expected grandson's nursery, I had to use my creativity. My daughter had designed a valance for which I had no pattern, so I used chart paper to make one. As I needed several pieces of the same size and shape, I decided it would be quicker and easier to cut several layers at a time. Thus, I folded the layers of fabric and pinned my pattern in place. I made one last check to be sure the cut would be right. As I examined what I was about to do, I discovered that the design on the fabric would not match if I used that procedure. *So much for that short cut,* I thought. So I unfolded the fabric, carefully laid the pattern again, and cut the first section.

Upon cutting the first piece, I decided not to detach the fabric which I had just cut from the pattern since it was all pinned down. So I laid the pattern, still attached to the fabric, on the next area to cut the next piece. I was very careful to be sure the design matched. Snip, snip, snip...I cut it out. I needed another piece just like these two, so I repeated what I had just done. Now I had the pattern and two double layers attached to it. Carefully, I cut around all edges. As I was finishing the cut, I noticed that each layer of fabric tended to be a little larger than the original pattern. *So much for saving time*, I thought, as I took each layer apart, laid the pattern on it, and trimmed off the excess.

It was then that I realized how important it is to stick with the original pattern. It didn't matter that my edges were cut straight. It didn't matter that my pinking shears had made it look very neat. It didn't matter that the design matched. When I compared the pieces I had cut to the original, they were not the right size. Each time I cut around another layer, the size of the fabric had increased so that they would not fit together properly.

A spiritual analogy quickly followed in my thoughts. Is that what has happened to Christendom? As Christians, we often try to imitate other Christians instead of following the original. Against what or whom do we measure our lives? Do we look to the pastor...or the Sunday school teacher...or the Women's Ministries director and pattern after them? Hopefully, all of these would be good examples, but we must remember they, too, are human. They have flaws and shortcomings. At our very best, we can never equal the One who was perfect in every area of life. Yet we must always look to Christ as our example and pattern our lives after Him.

If we are to be all that God intends us to be, we must not try to take the quick and easy way. We must be careful that we are not fooled into using a counterfeit. Some are so similar that only a person who can discern right and wrong would recognize it as a pseudo. We won't find this pattern in the din of worldly things. We'll not likely find it in the pages of *TV Guide* or *Time Magazine*... and probably not even in *Southern Living*. But we can find that pattern in the pages of God's Word where Jesus Christ is clearly defined.



We must be diligent in our pursuit of holiness. We must follow the Perfect One...He is the original pattern.

WHITLEY WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ...

WE ARE THE KING'S DAUGHTERS AND WE'VE COME TO SEEK THE LORD

Zechariah 9:9
Mark 5:34
Isaiah 55:6
II Chronicles 7:14

I wish I had taken my camera...for it was a beautiful sight! The Whitley Church looked like a palace as I entered (through the back door, even) for a very special meeting of the Whitley Women's Ministries group. I had been invited to review with them the program of IPHC Women's Ministries. Of course, I was excited to get such an invitation; but when I arrived and saw the enthusiasm of these ladies, I was ecstatic!

Leora Bizzell, the newly appointed director, greeted me and led me into the fellowship hall. A beautiful table was decorated in purple and white and was covered with a variety of sweets. Hanging on the wall above the table was a large banner proclaiming *WE ARE THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.* Beautifully decorated round tables were set up in the room, making it look fit for the King Himself. On each table was a gift which was later given as a door prize. At each seating, a tiny scroll wrapped with a purple ribbon was placed. When unrolled, it revealed the following message: *We are the King's Daughters and we've come to seek the Lord!*

Having arrived a little early, I observed the enthusiasm of each lady as she entered the room. There were smiles and happy greetings. This atmosphere prevailed as Leora called the meeting to order and shared her vision for Whitley WM. Pastor Ferrell Hardison was on hand for the opening portion of the meeting to greet the ladies and express his appreciation to Leora for using her ministry gift of leadership as local WM director.

The first order of business was to invite the presence of the Holy Spirit into the meeting. Praise and Worship choruses set the tone for a time of devotion and prayer. An original skit was presented by a group of the ladies, comical and powerful in message, on how to get people to attend your meeting and win them to the Lord. I presented to them the ministry outreach opportunities of IPHC Women's Ministries. We enjoyed a time of interaction with a question and answer session. We ended the meeting with a circle of prayer and then enjoyed one-on-one fellowship and delicious refreshments.

We all left having been treated like royalty. That was just what Leora intended, for she had created the atmosphere and showed us that WE ARE THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Linda Thomas reports of Whitley WM Meeting on June 14

CONVENTION 2001...

Over 250 ladies gathered in Falcon on June 10 for the annual NCWM Convention. The theme was *Celebrate the Mission...Celebrate Jesus.* During registration in the Cafeteria/Training Building, opportunities for shopping and sharing were available to the ladies as a number of WM groups and individuals displayed their wares or exhibits. The Benson WM, under the leadership of Mrs. Sandra Daniels, served refreshments.

The program began with lovely music provided by Mrs. Lynn Case, pianist, and Mrs. Deannie Jackson, organist. Meshelder Richardson gave a warm welcome, after which Annette Lesh McGraw led in Praise and Worship. Superintendent Chris Thompson gave greetings and brief comments, to which NCWM Conference Director Linda Thomas gave response.

A Celebration of Worship featured Annette McGraw with special music. Rev. Peggy Eby, IPHC General Women's Ministries Secretary, was the guest speaker. She delivered a dynamic sermon on Celebrating Jesus. She challenged the congregation to keep the focus off all our worship and ministry on Jesus.

A Celebration of Ministries followed, with reports being delivered by ministry group leaders. Benevolence celebrations were shared by Patsy Deese, and Rev. Marvin Whitfield gave a report of ATAM. Couples Retreat report was given by Cathy Ward and Cathy Arthur. Phyllis Harrell reported on the NCWM outreach to our educational institutions. Rev. Jim Whitfield spoke on behalf of Holmes Bible College, and Jay Williams spoke for Emmanuel. Girls' Ministries report was given by NCGM Director Sandra Britt. Marjorie Teachey and Margaret Potter joined Blanche Pollard in reporting on the activities of Happy Hearts. A video from missionary Christie Baker was the highlight of Meshelder Richardson's report on missions. Janice Marshburn's report included a challenge to prayer and sharing. She also invited Edna Parker to introduce a number of our Hispanic sisters who are currently in the process of organizing Women's Ministries groups in their local churches.

A Celebration of Accomplishments was the closing portion of the program as awards were presented to local WM leaders for achievements made, Peniel and Mount Olive (Goldsboro District) were awarded for eight consecutive years of 100 points. Grace Community, St. Paul, and The Capital received awards for four consecutive years of 100 points. Bizzell Grove, Bethel, Greenville First, and Moore's Chapel were recognized for fourteen consecutive years of 100 points. Mrs. Linda Thomas gave a brief report and referred the congregation to the printed *Annual Report* for details of NCWM activities. The Memoirs Report was beautifully delivered by Phyllis Harrell as she called the name of each departed WM member and invited friends of each one to stand in honor of her memory. Following the congregational singing of the WM Song, Rose Boyd gave the benediction.

A beautiful floral arrangement was provided for the convention by Kinston First Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries in loving memory of Mrs. Sherri Howard Rouse.

Rev. Peggy Eby delivers convention message.

Hispanic sisters were introduced to the convention audience.

Ladies enjoy worshiping in song.

Peggy joins in the "Packet Stuffing" lineup with Janice Marshburn and Teresa Smith.

SHARING SISTERS...

The ladies of Thomas Chapel and Vaughan Chapel met for a Sharing Sisters get-together at the Mayflower Restaurant in Rocky Mount on June 23. Everyone had a wonderful time. There was a lot of laughter and fun...and of course, e-a-t-i-n-g! Carol Davis, Rocky Mount District WM director, shares these photos.

Mrs. Linda Borrell, WM director of Roanoke Rapids First P H Church, welcomed her WM district director to a monthly meeting where Carol shared with the ladies.

A SUMMER DESSERT

If you like chocolate, you'll love Chocolate Delight. It's a favorite summer dessert.

1 cup flour
½ cup melted butter
1 8-ounce pkg. cream cheese
1 small box instant vanilla pudding
1 large container whipped topping
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup confectioner's sugar
1 small box instant chocolate pudding
3 cups milk

Mix flour, pecans and melted butter together. Press into a 9 x 13 inch pan or cooking dish. Cook about 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool completely.

Mix confectioner's sugar, cream cheese and one cup whipped topping. Spread on top of cooled crust.

Mix both pudding mixes and milk until thick. Pour on sugar and cream cheese mixture.

Top with remaining whipped topping. Chill 2 hours before serving.

Serves 12 to 15

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE...

Make a freezer of homemade ice cream and enjoy together. Engage in interactive games and activities such as board games or charades. Invite another family to join you, and you'll double the fun.

JUST A THOUGHT...

Who I am should not be based on my position or the praise and recognition I may receive. It should be based on who I am in Christ. If I live as who I am in Christ, and praise and recognition come my way, then it is only because of Christ...and not of whom I have made myself or who I've become by my own doing. The very substance of who I am is Christ; and without Christ, I am nothing. So the world may see something extraordinary, but what they really see is Christ. They just don't know it yet.

By Belinda Davis

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism – August 2001

Today I read 2 Corinthians 5:20, "We are Christ's ambassadors and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ Himself were here pleading with you; Be reconciled to God!" An old saying popped into my mind: "It comes with the territory." The spreading of the good news of salvation is not an option but an imperative; "It comes with the territory." What this world needs above all other needs is to be reconciled to God. As a Christian, I am not only obligated to be a witness; it is a privilege. Next to knowing Jesus personally and walking with Him, one of the greatest blessings of the Christian life is actually to lead someone to Jesus Christ! The good news is that God wants to use you – not just pastors, missionaries, and evangelists – as His instruments to speak to others. In Mark 16:15, we are challenged by our Lord Himself: "Go ye into all the world and preach the good news to everyone, everywhere." This wonderful charge is known as the "Great Commission." Several years ago, I heard a minister say that the Great Commission was and will always be the marching orders of the church. I wholeheartedly agree with that statement. While not every Christian is called by God to the pulpit, according to 2 Corinthians 5:20, we are Christ's ambassadors. An ambassador represents another to an individual, group, or nation. So that simply means "It comes with the territory."

The way some Christians follow, or observe, the Great Commission, you would think it was the "great suggestion." Sharing our faith, however, is something that Jesus wants and commands us to do! How do we do this? 1 Peter 3:15-16 tells us to be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks us about the hope we have in Jesus. You don't have to be a Bible scholar, yet we are commanded by Paul in 2 Timothy 2:15 "to study to show ourselves approved." Eloquence, Bible knowledge, and charisma are not requirements to witness to others about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Here are four simple thoughts and scriptures to help as you and I witness to others:

1) You don't need any training to simply share your faith. A changed heart is all you need to begin sharing your faith with others. John 9:1-41 tells the story of a man blind from birth. He was confronted and questioned harshly by the Pharisees, and his answer was this and it was simple: "But I know this, I was blind and now I can see!" Simply share your story!

2) Be open to God's teaching. In Acts 8 there is the account of how the first great persecution scattered the believers out of Jerusalem. Philip was led to Samaria, a city in spiritual disaster and moral chaos. He preached to multitudes, many were saved, and great joy flooded the city. Then a few verses later, by God's leading, we find Philip in the wilderness area witnessing to "one," and he was led to the Lord. Be open to God's leading.

3) Understand the simplicity of the gospel. The message of the gospel is simple yet powerful. In 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Paul said, "When I came to Corinth, I didn't use lofty words and brilliant ideas to tell you God's message. I decided to concentrate only on Jesus Christ and His death on the cross." The message, the testimony of the cross, will still work!

4) It is simple, and it is powerful! Evangelism is not only a responsibility, it is a privilege. Remember, "It comes with the territory."

MISSIONS – AUGUST 2001

A few days ago, I was with several other believers engaged in conversation about ministry. One brother (a minister) who was past the age of retirement was asked why he didn't retire and slow down. His reply was quick, to the point, and so timely: "I can't quit while so many are lost and dying." Not only is that true of America, it is true globally.

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church could boast of its accomplishments abroad and rest on its laurels: what a tragedy that would be. Even as I speak, God is opening doors to our church. With 183 missionaries and work in 92 countries, we could boast, yet so much needs to be done, and time is running out (Romans 13:11). As of December 31, 2000, we have 8959 churches and 1,147,918 members outside the United States. This does not include affiliates. God has set before us a great door (open) and effectual. Many great works are being done; many souls are being won to Christ; many churches are being established and built. We praise God for these accomplishments. Yet for now, the door is still wide open, and we have to continue to reap the harvest. We set many goals; we reach them, yet there are many more goals to set and strive for until they are reached. By the time you read this article, we will know whether we reached our goal of $250,000 for Global Outreach (GO). Yet there are many fields of men's souls on this Globe that must be reached. I envision for the North Carolina Conference a day when we will cross the $400,000 mark in Global Outreach offering and $2,000,000 in annual missions giving. I believe those goals are attainable. As we turn the corner in 2001 and set our sights on 2002, "Let us arise and build the walls" together (Nehemiah 2:18). I am excited at what is happening both here in the states and abroad. God is "up to something."

CELEBRATE THE MISSION!

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PRAYER...BEING CLOSER TO GOD AND EACH OTHER

The North Carolina Conference is engaging itself more in the movement of Prayer. Close to twenty local churches have appointed WIN captains in order to help mobilize prayer in a greater way. Through these WIN captains, the local body can be more involved in seeking the will of God personally, corporately, for their local church, the conference, denomination, and the world. Our being closer to God is the way that the church can obtain His blessing, direction, and purpose.

There are many wonderful ways in which the WIN captain, pastor, and members can be actively involved:

- Praying for the pastor and his family.
- Praying for the vision of the church.
- Praying for direction from God for the church.
- Praying for the finances of the church.
- Praying for souls to be convicted by the Holy Spirit and then converted.
- Praying for unity in the families.
- Praying for unity within the church body.
- Praying for our missionaries.
- Praying for our leaders.
- Praying for the sick.
- Praying just because you want to be in His presence.
- Praying in order to be refilled and recharged.

These are just some ideas of how the local church can be active in prayer. Praying is a decision that we make to take time, to communicate with God. As the body of Christ we need to continue hungering and seeking His face.

How can you begin a life of prayer?

Personal Time:

You need to find a place called the "PRAYER CLOSET" where you can spend some time alone with God.

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." (Matthew 6:6)

Your personal time with God will strengthen, encourage, empower, refresh, and bring rewards that are openly given to you by God.

Note that without your personal time with God, none of these things listed above can occur.

Personal time in prayer must become a daily habit.

Personal time in prayer needs to become a daily habit in order to learn how to enter His presence in the spirit.

Psalm 37:4 – Delight thyself also in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

How do you enter His presence?

You enter His presence by your spiritual man, which is the heart of Man. (the inner man).

Many times we do not get our prayers answered because we are praying from the intellect, from our minds. God said we must walk in the spirit, that we must be led by the Spirit, and all things must be accomplished in the spirit, including prayer.

Prayer is conversing with God. We cannot converse with God from our mind. It will get us no place. We may rationalize God with the natural mind, and we may try to figure God out, but it will do us no good. It is only by the spirit that we can know Him.

Romans 10:10 – "For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

This is by the spirit, not the mind, and we must learn how to release our spirit.

It is in your spirit that you contact God, and it is in your spirit alone that you worship Him.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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Recap of Events from the Church Education Ministries Department

Falcon Youth Camp 2001

Senior Week – June 10 through June 14:

The 2001 Senior Falcon Youth Camp will have to go down in the record books as one of the best youth camps ever. With the newly renovated school dorm ready for housing, nearly 200 young people converged on Falcon for a week of activities that ranged from moon boxing to horseback riding to pig picking in the park. Brought back from the past by popular demand was the "Banquet" on Wednesday evening. Roger Barefoot presented daily classes on personal evangelism and developing your personal walk with Christ and challenged our youth to go beyond ordinary Christianity. The evening services were anointed and powerful under the preaching ministry of Rev. Warren Beemer and dynamic praise and worship by White Stone. A dream team of counselors and staff, including teams from Southwestern and Emmanuel College, went the extra mile to give our young people a Falcon Youth Camp experience that will influence them for a lifetime.

Junior Week – June 17 through June 21:

What a week! Nearly 190 children between the ages of 10 and 12. From registration to check out – fun, excitement, and inspiration were had by all. Missionary Rose Boyd was the camp evangelist and ministered under a great anointing of the Holy Spirit as she touched the lives of our Juniors on their level. The Family Life Tabernacle Worship Team and Band led the music and praise time with a great blend of high-energy praise and meditative worship. Everyone on the Junior Camp staff is to be commended for the great job they did in adapting to the Junior age group. The entire ministry team was reminded that "Junior" campers were neither teens nor primaries, and Juniors had individual ministry needs like no other age group.

Swimming, soccer, archery, horseback riding, basketball, putt-putt, and many more activities made up the recreation time in the morning. Music, Bible, and Missions classes filled the afternoons. One highlight of the week was the Council Fire service on Tuesday night. Thanks to the Royal Rangers FCF leaders for leading the service. Buuuzzzzzz! Buuuzzzzzz! That's mosquito language for "Thank you." They had a pretty good meal during that evening. Wednesday night found a return to the "Banquet" with the campers being served by the staff and a program filled with laughter and entertainment, followed by a worship service in the Tabernacle.

Primary Week – June 24 through June 28:

Primary "castaways" (campers) landed on the "Island of the Son" for a week of island adventure and new discoveries. We enjoyed exciting seaside Bible stories and learned values for survival on God's Island. The First Church band from Goldsboro provided island sounds that helped us feel the warmth of Jesus' love. The little castaways also painted unique tropical crafts and quenched their physical hunger and thirst at the Island Oasis. On Wednesday evening, the castaways were treated to a luau. All week our castaways worked hard to earn a passport to the Island beach party, which concluded the week's adventure.

We treasured most the way the Holy Spirit moved in the evening services through the ministry of our special guest, "El-Joy the Clown," who was shipwrecked for the week with us. Special thanks go to the lady counselors and the male counselors who made so many memories on their daily island tours and in the evenings in the bungalows. A fine group of special workers made sure everything was ready each day for more fun on the Island of the Son.

Join us at next year's camp when we will discover who really is the King of the jungle on our African safari!

Falcon Youth Camp has always been a "memory-maker" for the children and youth of eastern North Carolina. Praise God for the sacrificial ministry of our counselors and staff who see the value of touching young lives with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Thank you, North Carolina Conference for trusting us to make "Worldwide Witnesses 4 Jesus."

Mission Quest 2001

Raleigh, North Carolina, July 6 through July 14

Mission Quest 2001 was a New Testament style-mission trip to our own "backyard," the kind Peter and Paul would smile upon and have fun at. Fifty-eight teenagers ready to minister the gospel with chaperones, bus drivers, kitchen/cook workers, and Children's Evangelism Fellowship staff. A total of 75 people made a kingdom-size difference in the Raleigh area. Thirteen Pentecostal Holiness churches were represented. There were many who came to know Jesus for the first time. Adults, teenagers, and especially children of all ages heard the gospel message in a simple and relevant way. We canvassed the area to bring children to the C.E.M.'s "Moon Bounce." Hundreds of kids flocked from four different communities not only to experience a "bounce" but also to encounter over 50 teens excited about meeting them, bouncing with them, sharing snacks with them, and most of all introducing Jesus to them. We stormed into our local churches in the evenings to celebrate, minister some more, and be refreshed for the next day of ministry. Benson PH Church, the Capital "Lifeline" Youth Church, and Evangel PH Church were all moved and blessed by Mission Quest 2001. "You guys are doing an awesome work. I'm proud of you," said Reverend Jimmy Barnhill of the Benson PH Church.

The Raleigh Area Mission Quest 2001 came to a climax Saturday as we moved in town with a carnival to storm yet again into the communities with the gospel of Jesus. God is so good! None of us will ever be the same, for our lives were touched as well in a mighty way.

Up & Coming Events

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Back to School Retreat
Falcon, NC
Steve Ely, National Youth Pastor
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Sunday, September 30, 6:00 p.m.
Two Locations:
Northwood Temple PH Church –
Fayetteville
Evangelist – Keith O'Neal
Glad Tidings PH Church – Morehead City
Evangelist – To Be Announced

KINGS DOMINION
FAMILY FUN DAY
Saturday, August 25, 2001
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Happy Grandparents' Day!
September 9, 2001

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Superintendent

ONE Lord, ONE Savior, ONE Mission

TOGETHER WE CAN

The above is the adopted N.C. Conference theme for the ministry year, September 2001 to August 2002. Our primary theme verse will be 1 Corinthians 12:12 – "Our bodies have many parts, but the many parts make up one body when they are all put together. So it is with the Body of Christ." *Together* we want to attempt to do something so great for God that apart from His help, it will be doomed to fail.

We serve one Lord and have but one Savior. It is not our desire to serve false gods, have other agendas, or run after every fad that comes down the road. There is only one way to heaven, and that is by faith in the shed blood of Jesus, our Lord.

This Lord we serve has His program and agenda. He is very opinionated. His opinion is the right one! One thing is worse than having no vision, and that is having too many visions. Our desire is to have His vision and mission. May the Lord give us one mission. Paul said, "Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose" (Philippians 2:2).

Much can be said about our mission in Christ. All total, it comes down to being saved, loving God, living in obedience, worshiping God, nurturing the body, and making disciples. The gospel is a simple message. Our mission and His is a simple and practical one. The primary focus is Jesus and people!

May this focus be caught and shared. May we turn and flow together. May we be aligned. The wise seer of the Old Testament said, "The locusts have no king, yet all of them go out in ranks [turn and flow together]" (Proverbs 30:27). If the locusts can do it without a king, how much more can we *with* a King – the King of kings and Lord of lords!

The Lord never changes, so our future is secure and eternal. "Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heaven's lights. Unlike them, He never changes or casts shifting shadows" (James 1:17). "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Psalms 33:11 states, "The Lord's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken."

When all these thoughts come together, they simply mean that He desires our success in His mission, He equips us for success, He fills us with His power and Spirit, and *together we can*.

During the recent camp meeting, the Lord gave several special words in the prayer meetings and in the services. May they bless those who read the page as they blessed those present in the meetings!

Through Brother Bobby Williams, the Lord said in a vision and words, "I will deliver. Deliverance is in the house; deliverance has come!"

Message in tongues given by Evangelist Paul Jackson and interpreted by Sister Lydia Figueroa:

"Look not to the left nor right for promotion. Look to me! Have I not said it and will I not do it! I have come to bless you; I want to bless you. For I have opened up the windows of heaven for you to pour out a blessing, my blessings, blessings of deliverance, healing, salvation. I am God; I am a great, awesome God. There is nothing, nothing impossible for me. For all things are possible to them that believe, so believe! Believe me! Believe and you shall have that that you have believed and ask for. For I am your Father, and it pleases me to bless you – so receive my blessings!"

Brother Paul Jackson gave this "now" word. "Our eyes will see our hearts desire. His delay is not His denial."

Missionary Linwood Berry spoke a word: "God's turning the tide."

"The tides have been going out, but God says, "I am turning the tide. The tide is returning. It is flowing back. Life is in the tide. Life is coming back in the tide. There will be waves to water the dry places. These great tides will bring great life and victory – a tide of life and victory. There is life in the tide."

In the evening prayer room, the Lord gave the following verses:

Romans 12:3-8 – Emphasis on the Body

Isaiah 41:18 – Emphasis on the Rivers

Note this verse in Isaiah, "I will open the rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water."

We are special in His eyes. We have a work to do. *Let us get on with it!*

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor/Teacher Merrill Davis

Spiritual Leadership: Moving People on to God's Agenda by Henry and Richard Blackaby. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2001, 306 pages.

Understanding God's design for leadership seems to be a neverending need for church and parachurch leaders around the world. Effective biblical leadership calls for a clear understanding of God's design for leadership. Many leadership theories exist today. The secular world has inundated bookstores and libraries with volumes of information about leadership and related subjects. Is it not true that the world is disoriented about what makes a truly successful leader? Is there not a need for us to return to the pure source of truth concerning leadership? The authors contend there are dimensions to spiritual leadership not present in secular leadership.

To this end, in eleven chapters, Henry and Richard Blackaby seek to address the critical and crucial leadership issues and truths necessary for an ongoing and progressive growth in spiritual leadership based on the unchanging principles of God's Word. Students of, and practitioners in, the area of church leadership will find this book a valuable source of practical information related to leading God's people "into God's purposes God's way."

What really intrigues and impresses this reviewer about the publication is how straightforward the communication is in speaking to the absolute truths concerning spiritual leadership. For example, the statement, "Spiritual leadership is based on the work of the Holy Spirit and on spiritual character," takes the reader back to the original blueprint of what a really successful leader is all about. By today's standards, the prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah would have been looked upon as utter failures in their generation. Little by way of "success" according to the world's standards could be seen throughout their ministries. Jeremiah was known to have lamented his own birth and even cursed it. Many times he wanted to abort his mission. There were moments in his ministry when he felt the Lord had let him down. In a way, Jeremiah pleaded with the Lord to get His act together. In the end, the Lord asked Jeremiah, the one who had faithfully called the southern kingdom to repentance, to repent himself. The downtrodden, weeping prophet learned that God fulfills His promises, never violates His Word, and knows exactly what he is doing all the time. He also learned that knowing God does not come by avoiding suffering – it comes through suffering. Suffering promotes the knowledge of God! In all of Jeremiah's suffering, he came to the conclusion that God never lets His children down. Never.

In this post-Christian era, the need to stay with the biblical model of leadership as exemplified through the men and women of faith throughout the Bible can never be overemphasized. The inspired Scriptures continue to be profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man or woman of God may be complete, thoroughly furnished unto all good works... including the church and its various ministries to success by divine standards.

Doing Church as a Team by Wayne Cordeiro. Ventura, California: Regal Books, 2001, 212 pages.

Teamwork seems to be the buzzword of late among evangelical circles. People working together have always been a great need for any organization that seeks to reach specific goals and strive for ministry excellence. Who would not agree that two are better than one?

Cordeiro, a very successful senior pastor, offers this publication as an easy-to-read and comprehensible text on the subject of teamwork. By using the six-man canoe analogy, he forges a strong premise that releasing people for ministry and encouraging them to pull together for a common, agreed-upon cause make for a strong teamwork mentality. Can any believer reach his or her full potential in Jesus Christ alone? Hardly. The author emphasizes the need for the team member to discover, develop, and deploy his or her gifts and align with others in the same direction for a common goal or vision God has given.

Cordeiro states, "In doing church as a team, we, as leaders, live to make the others in our team successful, not vice versa! If each member of the team is healthy and fulfilled, then the ministry benefits. If they are successful, people will be helped. It is absolutely necessary for each leader to cultivate a selfless spirit and live to make the other person successful." He strongly urges everyone in the church to function in the body. No one need be left out. All are needed, just as the parts of the human body are needed. By working together for that clearly defined goal, success will be realized.

I offer my sincere appraisal of this book as one that is needed to be read by every Christian today. Do yourself and your friends a favor. Read and practice the contents of this book. It will bless you and them abundantly. MLD

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Superannuated Birthdays for September

Rev. W. M. Cordon ..... September 1
Rev. George Weaver ..... September 5
Rev. Vernon Clark ..... September 6
Rev. Elmer Mooring ..... September 7
Rev. Roy Williams ..... September 11
Rev. Johnie Pollard ..... September 13
Rev. N. Doner Lucas ..... September 13
Rev. William Wooten ..... September 14
Rev. Ralph Jernigan ..... September 15
Rev. Hill Teachey ..... September 17
Rev. Jimmy C. Williams ..... September 17
Rev. Lester Ormond ..... September 23
Rev. Melvin Narron ..... September 26

REV. AND MRS. JETTIE L. PARKER CELEBRATE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Joined by many family and friends, Rev. and Mrs. Jettie Parker celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, July 15, 2001, in the Sanford First Church fellowship hall.

Jettie Lee Parker and Mary Susan English were united in marriage on July 14, 1951, in the Peniel PFWB Church, Willard, N.C.,with Rev. R.J. Sasser officiating.

In the fifty years since their marriage, the Parkers have been actively engaged in God's work. After graduating from Holmes Bible College, Brother Parker pastored the Warsaw and Penderlea churches for a brief period before serving as associate pastor of the Oak Street (now the First Church) P. H. Church in Goldsboro.

In 1953, they went to South Africa as missionaries of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, where they served successfully for twenty years. God blessed this ministry with many souls saved and a number of churches planted. Also during this period, they helped build the Freeman Bible College and served as teachers and administrators.

Near the end of 1972, they returned to America and were immediately assigned to the Sanford First Church pastorate. During these years, the church was blessed, and the congregation grew.

In 1981, they returned to Africa, this time to the central African country of Malawi. God richly blessed their ministry in Bible school, evangelism, and church planting.

Since retiring after twenty-five years of missionary work, the Parkers remain active in filling pulpits, teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, and in holding twice-weekly retirement home services. In addition, Mrs. Parker has been busy teaching in Christian schools.

The Parker children were all present to honor their parents. Patricia Parker Coble and husband, Steve, are administrator/teachers of Sanford's Lee Christian School. Lt. Commander Ronald Dexter and wife, Kim, were here from Japan, where he serves in U. S. Navy Intelligence and she teaches school. Jettie, Jr., is employed as District Manager for Kerr Drug, and his wife, Diane, works for Lee County Schools. Mark is general manager of WRTP Christian Radio Stations, and his wife, Mary, is a teacher/homemaker. Joy is a registered nurse working at Fayetteville's Cape Fear Valley Hospital, and her husband, Ken, is employed with Alfred Williams Co. of Raleigh. All the Parker grandchildren were also present.

Among special guests were several of the Parkers' missionary friends and coworkers.

All the many relatives and friends of the Parkers wish for them many more years of happy marriage and fruitful ministry.

Submitted by Lillian Sessoms
Sanford First Church

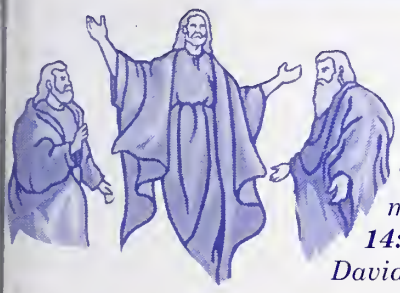
FALL 2001 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District	Pastorate	Date	First Name	Last Name	Phone
Clinton	Peniel	Tuesday, September 25	Jeff	Bartlett	910-531-3633
Fayetteville	Mount Carmel	Monday, September 17	Gary	Strickland	910-484-7334/910-485-4367
Goldsboro	Thunderswamp	Monday, September24	Chris	Brown	919-658-2304
Greenville	Family Life Tabernacle	Thursday, September 27	R. L.	Downing	252-756-3400/252-746-8770
Lumberton	Westview	Thursday, September 20	Jack	Owens	910-865-4524/910-865-6311
Morehead City	Smyrna	Tuesday, September 18	Vance	Harrell	252-729-3000/252-729-7729
New Bern	Vanceboro	Tuesday, September 11	David	Butts	252-439-0803/252-244-1357
Raleigh	Neuva Jerusalem	Thursday, September 13	Luis	Manriquez	919-639-0257/919-207-6186
Rocky Mount	Harvest Temple	Monday, September 10	Norwood	Starling	252-537-5084
Williamston	Higher Ground	Thursday, September 6	Danny	Harris	252-332-4129/252-332-4044
Wilmington	Harvest Fellowship	Tuesday, September 4	Vernon	Potter	910-754-7051/910-754-6616
Wilson	Shiloh	Thursday, August 30	David	Wood	252-237-0262

Arrive to set up 6:15
Two places of ministry (sanctuary and fellowship hall)
Workshops 7:00 to 9:15
Refreshments 9:15
Pastor gives welcome at 7:00, turns over to superintendent – NO MUSIC

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry



Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

"Inquire of God"

A friend of mine, Os Hillman, in his devotional book, ***Today God Is First****, writes words that were meant just for me...maybe for you also. The Scripture is* ***1 Chronicles 14:15****...here's the scene...the Philistines were attacking, and David wanted to know how to respond. His first* ***inquiry*** *of God revealed that he was to attack straightaway, and God would give him the victory. He did...and God did! Again the Philistines attacked, and "****David inquired of God again****." God told David a different method of attack to win the battle. He did...and God did!*

*How many times do you or I operate in our ministry or business based on our skill and ability without seeking to know His will? How many times do we do things the same way we did them the last time? What if God has a different plan than ours? "****So David inquired of God****." We need to be constantly inquiring of His mind on every matter. When we do, like David, we'll achieve success in our endeavors and recognition by God. Thanks, Os! It was for us!*

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **September 14-15 – North Carolina Fall Men's Advance** – at Falcon, N.C. Lots of stuff: golf tournament, great speakers, praise and worship, fellowship. Call 910-323-4777 for information and registration forms.
- **October 7 – Pastor Appreciation** – Need information on how to do it? Call 910-323-4777.
- **October 11-13 – The 2001 National Conference on Ministry to Men** – Atlanta Airport Marriott. This is an awesome event for pastors and the local men's leadership. Need a brochure? Call 910-323-4777.
- **August – Friendship Evangelism Training Month**
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- The North Carolina Men's Fall Advance – September 14-15
- The 2001 National Conference on Ministry to Men – October 11-13
- Pastor Appreciation – October

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- **Uncontrollable Passions** – Guard your heart; be accountable to God's Word!
- **Unsteady Foundation** – Apart from Christ, "all other ground is sinking sand."

When the fire of the Holy Spirit falls...sin is burnt out, the Lord is burnt in...and self is burnt up!

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"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

Lines From Linda

Here it is September again. Seems they come faster and faster...Septembers, that is! Why do I notice that so much? It might have something to do with the fact that September is my birthday month. Have I really already lived through 58 of them? Where has the time gone?

Seems like no time since I was excited to see September come because it was time to go back to school. When the crop was sold, Moma took us all to town to buy us new school clothes. Dresses, shoes, socks, sweaters, pants, shirts, and jackets – it took quite a bit to keep six children dressed, not to mention school supplies, lunch money, and all the other expenses incurred.

Then before I knew it, I was the mother. Scott was the first child. He was always the little man! I'll never forget his utter disgust at his mother (who was then six months pregnant with child number three) for not wearing hose when I took him to the opening day of school the year he was in first grade! Allen was born when Scott was three years old. He was, from the beginning, an adventurous fellow (and still is)! Three years later, Brynn arrived on December 20...just in time for Christmas. And like clockwork, three more years brought us a daughter, Emma Jo-Lin.

We had a busy household with four little ones. Time passed quickly as I washed diapers, made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, played with them, chauffeured them to their activities and such. Much too soon, one September day I took my baby to school. And then before I knew it, they were all young adults. Off to college...and Joe and I were home alone.

Now I find myself in the September of my life. One of the rewards of this season of life is grandchildren. Now you already know about our Sarah Elizabeth. She has turned Joe and me into mush. At 2½ years old, she brings joy and sunshine to our lives. Of course, she is the sweetest and smartest little girl in the world in our eyes.

Now, in addition to Sarah, we have a brand new grandson. Matthew Thomas Bircher was born to our daughter, Emma, and her husband, Scott Bircher, on July 17. He weighed in at 11 pounds 8 ounces and was 22 ½ inches long. Mind you, his mother weighs only 100 pounds soaking wet! We are still praising the Lord for the miracle of his birth.

And that's not all...we are expecting another grandchild in about three weeks. I'll fill you in on that one next month.

When I think about how special our grandchildren are to us, I can now understand why I loved my own grandparents so much. They humored me and spent time with me that etched special warm fuzzies in my life. Mammy taught me to sew. She let me help her cook biscuits when I got more flour on the floor than I did in the pan. Popa was a gentle, easygoing man who told me stories and always took my side when I was about to get in trouble. Pa Jenk was a fun-loving fellow who loved to pull a joke on you. All of them, in their own ways, made an impact on my life.. They took time to help me develop character and establish a value system.

It's funny how when you get to the September of life, your priorities are so different. Suddenly you realize what is really important in life ... and grandchildren are right up at the top of the list. So fellow grandparents, be proud of the time you spend with your little ones. By doing so, you make wise investment in their futures. You can plant the seeds of the gospel in their tender hearts, and you can make memories that they will cherish all the days of their lives.

Let's make the most of these September days! **HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY**!

Mimi (Linda) and Gran (Joe) proudly hold grandson, Matt.

A TRIBUTE TO MY PAPA...

(Following is a letter which Christie Baker, missionary to Africa, e-mailed home to be read at the memorial service for her grandfather in June.)

How I wish I could be seated there with you all today – paying tribute to one of the most precious men there has ever been. To my family, seated together, I wish I were there to look into each of your eyes and feel the pain you are feeling now. Undoubtedly, I feel that same pain here. My heart is broken apart today as I sit here and pray and cry.

As many of you already know, I left for Africa last October. The day before I left, I went to see Granny and Papa. That day, as I left, something deep inside told me that I would never see my Papa here on earth again, but still I had to go.

Maybe in some way, I am blessed because, even though I would have treasured spending these last moments with my Papa, I will always remember him as that man who hugged me so tight and then stood on the porch waving, saying, "See you later." And so he will!

We grieve today because we were not ready to let him go... one we loved so much! But I will have to admit there is a part of me rejoicing today because Kermit Johnson is home! He

has met his Savior, and he is smiling and joking, spending time with loved ones he has not seen for years and praising the Lord. Papa is himself again!

While we will miss him greatly, I encourage each of you to remember lovingly the impact his life has had on your own life. As I have told him and Granny so many times before, they are such a vital part of who I am. The example they have set before our family has helped us all to become the people we are today.

Kermit Johnson has always been a very happy, contented man. He never complained about anything. He always had a smile on his face and something funny on his lips. I can remember watching him lying in a hospital bed telling the nurses jokes and making them laugh as they took care of him. Papa just radiated joy to everyone he met. I am sure you will agree with me that he was an extraordinary man.

The way Papa and Granny have loved each other, provided for each other, and stood by each other through the years has been such a dear example to me of what a marriage should be, especially in these times when many marriage do not last. I have watched them as they have loved each other and done so many things for each other.

So, I just want to say, "Thank you, Kermit Johnson," for being such a wonderful man. A man I am so proud to call my "Papa." Thank you for teaching me to make the most of my life. I will never forget those words you whispered to me the day I told you I was coming to Africa. I will miss you so much now, but do not worry; I am coming to be with you one day. I will tell you personally about all the exciting things I have done here, and we will spend forever together.

Two things my Papa always said as we were parting: "Be cheerful" and "Come and go with me." I just believe that if he were given the chance, he would say those same words to us today. "Be cheerful"...he has only left us for a short period of time. The Lord will call us home one day; so while I am here, I am sure he would not want me to be sad...just continue radiating joy the way he did. "Come and go with me"...I am sure he would encourage each one of us to make it our goal to go and be with him one day. I plan to spend eternity in heaven with Papa. How about you?

(Submitted by Phyllis Harrell)

WM DAY AT MARANATHA...

Maranatha Women's Ministries of Beaufort, North Carolina, celebrated WM Founder's Day on Sunday, May 20. Guest speaker was Lois Trueblood. Lois serves as the New Bern District WM director and is married to Rev. Calvin Trueblood, pastor of the New Bern First Church.

The service began with a welcome from Pastor Richard Robinson. The praise and worship team led the congregation in several choruses. Dorothy Andrus sang "God Loves You," which led into the worship service. Lois blessed the hearts of those present by sharing her testimony of how God saved her from an awful car accident. Doctors told her she would never sing or hear again. Not only did God touch her physically, He also renewed in her a greater desire to follow Him and allow Him to be Lord of her life. The climax of the service was when Lois sang "Under His Wings."

At the close of the service, all the women were invited to pray together in the altar. Following prayer, each lady was given a token of love and appreciation. This gift was a bag with a WM ink pen, a pass-it-on card, a WM newsletter and candy...all wrapped in purple (of course).

A covered dish lunch was served in the fellowship hall of the church.

Lois Trueblood speaks for Maranatha WM Day.

Note: If you missed having a special WM Day service on Founder's Day, it is not too late to get one in for 2001. With the approval of your pastor and church board, choose a date and have a special service in which you can share with your local congregation the Women's Ministries program. Share the vision of your WM with the local church and use this day to invite other women to join.

DID YOU REMEMBER...

- Agnes Robinson Christmas Missions Offering is due. You will want to bless our missionaries with a good gift for the Christmas Season.
- Feast of Ingathering Offerings must be to Patsy Deese by September 25.
- Falcon Children's Home Harvest Train is scheduled for November 20. Collect commodities and offerings to share with this ministry.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE

Have a Family Photo Night...Look at old family pictures together. Parents, tell about the plans your family made before each child was born. Grandparents will enjoy telling stories about the plans they made for their children also. If you have more than one child in the family, put out several unlabeled baby pictures of each child. See if the children can identify each picture. If videos of family members are available, make popcorn and show the videos. Conclude by hugging each one and appreciate them for their uniqueness and contributions to the family.

MY MENTOR GOES TO GLORY...

About a year ago, I did "Lines From Linda" about mentoring and shared with you how Mrs. Sallie Morris had been my mentor since childhood. At 94 years old, Aunt Sallie went to be with the Lord on July 12. She was honored with a beautiful worship celebration homegoing service at Holly Hill Church on Sunday, July 15. I was honored to be a part of that service and share with the congregation her roles in our church and how she has blessed my life. She was a charter member of the Holly Hill Women's Ministries and had served in every role in the church with the exception of pastor...and had often times substituted that role in a pastor's absence. Her spot on the pew seems very empty, and we miss her greatly, but we know she is happy to be at home with her Lord. Her memory is beloved, and we look forward to meeting her again one day. LT

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism – September 2001

Evangelism/World Missions Theme for 2002: **Nehemiah 2:18, "Let us rise and build."**

Without a doubt, evangelism is the privilege and responsibility of every Christian. When we think or talk about evangelism, we immediately point to the organized effort(s) of our local church. It is true that the local church is responsible for and must be engaged in evangelism and evangelistic effort; however, every one of us is personally responsible to be a witness. In the past several months, both denominationally and on a conference level, we've heard much about the Reach 3, Plant 3 strategy. This is a ten-year emphasis (2001-2010) in which churches are challenged to plant three churches and in doing so, greatly expand the kingdom of God through the IPHC. Churches in the IPHC are challenged to plant a church like themselves, a multicultural/ethnic church, and a transnational church. This is a challenge that is totally possible for many of our churches. What a tremendous possibility that in the next ten years each church in the North Carolina Conference would reproduce itself in the community in which it exists, would plant a multicultural/ethnic church, and would plant a church overseas. Do you begin to catch the vision of the possibilities, the potential and success of just such an effort, and it can be done in the North Carolina Conference over and over again over the next 10 years. Remember this statement: The IPHC must not be just a "movement that plants churches"; it must become a "church-planting movement." The North Carolina Conference must become a "**CHURCH-PLANTING CONFERENCE**"; yet in this article, I want to concentrate my thoughts on the "**REACH THREE**" part of the strategy of Evangelism U.S.A. and Men's Ministries. The Plant 3 part of the strategy will have ample and vital time devoted to it in upcoming articles.

Can you comprehend the impact on our communities if only ten percent (10%) of the membership of the North Carolina Conference would give themselves to, would devote themselves to reaching three others over the next year? At the end of the reporting year (2000), there were 25,041 members in the churches of the North Carolina Conference. Can ***YOU***, will ***YOU***, even now write down three people you want to bring to Christ over the next year, beginning **TODAY** when you've read this article? What a powerful challenge and a wonderful possibility.

When we talk about evangelism and soul-winning, pictures of packed congregations and filled altars dance in our minds, yet the truth of the matter is this: that over the centuries of the existence of the Christian body, many more souls have been won through the prayers, persistence, and passionate witness of an individual to an individual. I do not believe there is any greater joy or sense of accomplishment when you've just led a person in prayer to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his or her personal savior. *One is valuable and important to Him who sits on the throne of the universe.* Let's look briefly into the Scriptures and focus on just three examples of one-on-one evangelism. You will notice from the context in each of these stories that multitudes had just been preached to or were available. The first was in John 4, where Jesus intentionally went through Samaria and to the town of Sychar to witness to *one*, the woman of poor reputation (harlot). Jesus' approach was powerful and attention-getting. His words were to the point and aroused this lady's desire for a drink of the everlasting water that Jesus offered. His approach was simple, to the point, and brief. Please notice Jesus did not get involved in theological discussion. He was driving home the point that this lady was walking down a dead-end street and that He was the only way out of the maze in which she existed. If you'll read this chapter, you will find out that because of this woman's message, many people in her town came to know Jesus, and all because He saw the necessity of, the importance of witnessing to *one* person. The second incident is found Acts 8, where Philip had just preached to multitudes in Samaria, many people had been won to the Lord, and great joy flooded the city. However, in just a few sentences, Philip is found many miles away witnessing to a single soul, the Ethiopian eunuch, and the eunuch accepts the Lord and is baptized. The third incident is found in Acts 16, where Paul and Silas have been beaten and put in prison for their testimony. At midnight they pray and sing songs. The hand of God moves, the prison shakes, and the doors fly open. The jail keeper believes that his prisoners will escape and comes running. Paul settles him by saying, "Don't worry, all of us are here." The jail keeper is immediately under conviction, enters the open jail cell, and asks how he can be saved. Later that night, his whole household is saved. This is, by the way, the start of a new church plant, Philippi. Reaching *one* is vital and important and can be achieved by any one of us if we'll only respond to the Holy Spirit's leading. These three accounts of evangelism are challenges for each one of us as we look on the fields and enter His harvest. Sychar was greatly affected because of the former harlot's testimony; who knows the impact the Ethiopian eunuch had on his homeland as he returned under a new lord, and a whole family was impacted as well as a church planted with the Philippian jailer's conversion – and all these incidences began with the evangelization of one soul. What a challenge!

Will you write down the names of three colleagues or friends, and determine that in the next year, you will reach them for Christ? The North Carolina Conference can expand, can explode over the next ten years as our people accept the privilege and participate in the Reach 3 challenge. Personal evangelism has to become our priority if we plan to reach eastern North Carolina with the gospel, and in turn, it must become our priority if we are serious about reaching our world.

Missions – September 2001

Excitement filled the air – at least my personal atmosphere as Sunday, July 22, 5:30 p.m. approached. The annual Global Outreach Celebration Service had arrived – promotion, reminding, and many phone calls had been made. District directors had done a superb job of reaching their pastors and churches in their districts, and everything was set. We had received many pledges and commitments prior to the service; however, the goal of $250,000 was still, well, further away than to make one comfortable. I should have known that the pastors and churches of the North Carolina Conference would come through – when the tally was done and with 162 churches reporting, we have as of August 1, 2001, in offerings received and pledged, $246,255.65. The only thing I can say in response to that total is Praise God and thank you, the people of the North Carolina Conference, for rising to the challenge of the $250,000 Global Outreach Goal. Thank you, pastors and local missions directors, for promoting the cause of Global Outreach. I believe in the next few weeks we will reach as high as $253,000. I say this because there are yet 24 churches to report, and these churches were responsible for $8500-plus in the 2000 G.O. offering. There are some very important events coming up. First, beginning on August 13, we will have our fall round of District Evangelism-Missions Unit meetings, and on August 30, we will begin our fall round of District Conferences. I trust that every church will be represented in the District Conferences by their pastor and missions personnel because it is in those meetings that Evangelism-World Missions will lay out our vision for the year 2002 for both North Carolina and the world. Second, I want to inform you that on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 11-13, we will be have our F.E.S.T.S. In the next few days, you will be receiving information concerning the time and location of those meetings. I personally challenge you, pastor/church, to be present and also to bring leaders of your local missions ministry team. I believe that very important information will be given in those settings. Exciting things are happening in World Missions, and we in the North Carolina Conference definitely want to be a part. God is opening doors continually for us as a denomination, and we want to step through those doors. Though our conference has led the IPHC in total missions giving for several years, I believe that as far as our potential is concerned, only the tip of the iceberg has been seen. There are vast amounts of potential yet to be tapped. It is my personal goal for the North Carolina Conference that every church have an active, ongoing, and growing missions outreach in 2002 and the years beyond. We need to begin that process in the months left in this year. Vision casting and goal setting have to be part of any successful local missions ministry. Our former directors have laid an excellent foundation of successful missions ministry, and we have to press forward, building on that foundation., Our theme for 2002 in Evangelism-World Missions is "Let us Rise and Build," Nehemiah 2:18. It is vital that our churches participate in G.O. and in the other branches/avenues of specialized missions giving; however, nothing is as vital to the advancement of IPHC's missions as regular monthly missions giving (faith commitment). Thank you to every church and to every individual who supports missionaries on a monthly basis; this is the backbone of our missions ministry. Much prayer is needed and requested for the missions efforts of the IPHC. More missionaries are needed, more finances are needed, and more prayer is needed for the expansion of the kingdom of our Lord. Thank you for your support of World Missions Ministries, and thank you for what you're going to do in the coming months of 2001 and in 2002.

CELEBRATE THE MISSION!

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PRAYER

A Privilege – A Command – A Weapon – A Right – An Access

GIVEN TO WHOM?

To all of those who confess and believe in Jesus, the Son of God. To children, teens, adults and the elderly.

WHAT IS THE REQUIREMENT?

A relationship with Jesus Christ. This is the access to obtain a life of prayer.

WHEN TO START A PRAYER LIFE?

A life of prayer should begin immediately after conversion. Just as Bible reading, worship, fellowship, and witnessing are important after conversion, none of these can be accomplished or be effective without a life of prayer.

PRAYER IS THE GATEWAY AND PATHWAY TO SUCCESSFUL LIVING.

HOW CAN YOU PRAY?

You can quote Scripture, speak to God in your own language in a simple and humble way, with sincerity, in silence, in tongues, song, declaring Bible promises, crying and groaning, travailing, and rejoicing in times of prayer.

WITH WHOM CAN YOU PRAY?

Alone, with a family member, another believer, a friend, a pastor or church leader, a prayer group, corporately as a church, an intercessory prayer group, with members of another church body, or over the phone with someone.

WHERE CAN YOU PRAY?

At home, in the car, at the office, at school, at your business, standing in a line, in a prayer room, at the church, in bed, at meal times, walking, running, while at work, on the phone, or anywhere.

WHEN SHOULD YOU PRAY?

When everything is going well, in times of trials, when sick, tired, happy, sad, depressed, encouraged, financially well, in financial distress, discouraged, weak, strong, needing spiritual direction, needing peace, rest, needing guidance, in all situations, and at all times. God reveals Himself to those who love Him and obey. See John 14:23.

Jesus spent a lot of time on the earth praying. There were times when He would pray day and night. Therefore, if we have the mind of Christ, we are also going to spend a lot of time in prayer, which in reality is just talking to God and listening to Him.

The greatest example and mentor of a person with a prayer life is Jesus, the Son of God. In the books of Luke and John, we can see the *where, how*, and *why* of His praying.

Luke	4:42	IN THE DESERT
	5:16	THE WILDERNESS
	3:21	AS HE WAS BAPTIZED
	6:12	BEFORE CHOOSING DISCIPLES
	9:18	BEFORE ASKING A QUESTION
	11:1	BEFORE TEACHING
John	11:25-28	PRAYED AT LAZARUS' TOMB
	11:42-44	PRAYED FOR PETER
	17:1-26	PRAYED FOR HIMSELF, THE DISCIPLES, YOU, AND ME

REMEMBER NEVER TO TAKE YOUR THOUGHT OFF GOD, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING OR GOING THROUGH.

PRAYER SHOULD BE SUCH A NATURAL THING THAT YOU DO IT ALL THE TIME.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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A few years ago, a friend was telling me about stopping at a junkyard to get a part for his car. (Today, they are called recycling centers; back then, junkyard was still an acceptable term!) Making small talk with the owner, he asked him where he got his inventory, assuming most came in as a result of automobile accidents. "I get a few of my cars from wrecks," the man said. "But most of them end up here because they are just worn out."

That story made me realize the same is true with people. When I think about the leaders I know, good leaders who are no longer leading, I realize that a few of them had been in wrecks of some kind. But the vast majority had just worn down. Life seems to grow increasingly difficult, and none of us escape the daily grind. However, I've noticed that people tend to respond differently to identical pressures. That has led me to this conclusion:

Life is a grindstone. Whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends upon what you are made of.

There are several skills that, if cultivated, will allow you to face the same stressors you face today and be better for the experience.

**The Ability to See the Big Picture.*

If you can't see what you are doing now as part of a long-range goal, you'll wear out. Imagine how long an athlete would be able to endure the pain of practice if he couldn't see the game in his mind's eye. Imagine how long a farmer would endure the hot sun of summer toil if he could not envision the harvest of fall.

**The Ability to Defuse Worry.*

I'm convinced that it's not the work of life but the worry of life that robs so many of their strength and breaks down their resolve. The only sure-fire remedy for worry is confidence.

Worry consists of creating mental pictures of what you do not want to happen. Confidence is creating mental pictures of what you want to happen.

Any golfer who has ever stood on one side of a water hazard thinking, *Don't hit it in the water,* can describe the result of the former. You'll be going wading very shortly! Good golfers have learned the knack of shaking off the last shot, good or bad, and approaching the next one with confidence. The same goes for leaders.

**The Willingness to Quit Seeking Security.*

A ship that never leaves the harbor is safe, but that's not what ships are for. Too often, we are devastated by failure that could almost have been predicted. The willingness to make mistakes, lots of them, is one of the prices we must pay for the advancement of a worthy cause.

**The Ability to Gauge When Enough Is Enough.*

No one expects his car to run forever without stopping to fill the fuel tank, but when it comes to our physical bodies, we foolishly refuse to stop when its time to rest, refuel, and recreate. I believe that too much of the wearing down I see is self-inflicted.

**The Wisdom to Choose Your Associates.*

Most of us have far more choices than we think when it comes to the company we keep. Even when we must work with negative people, we can choose to avoid being reduced to their level. Life is hard enough without having to go through it with negative, critical, or lazy people.

Ground down or polished up? The choice is really yours to determine.

Up & Coming Events
N.C. Conference CEM Dept.

Fresh Fire

Back to School Retreat
Falcon, N.C.
Steve Ely, National Youth Pastor
September 21-23, 2001
Ages 13 & Up
Cost $35.00
For More Information:
Kelly Clark
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The Gathering

Sunday, September 30
6:00 p.m.
Two Locations:

1 – Northwood Temple – Fayetteville
Evangelist – Keith O'Neal
2 – Glad Tidings Church – Morehead City
Evangelist – To Be Announced

Straight Arrow/Buckaroo Field Day

14th Annual
Saturday, September 8, 2001
Falcon, N.C.
Early Bird Registration Fee Due by August 3, 2001 – $9.00
Visitors are welcome. Visitor Fee $3.00

Pow wow

September 28-30, 2001
Location: Cabin Lake Park
Early Bird Registration will be $10.00 per person and will include a Pow Wow Patch and Pow Wow T-Shirt. This year's theme: "Soul Survivor"

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From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Jesus Was Willing To Do An End Run

Recently in reading a book by Laurie Beth Jones, *Jesus CEO*, I came across an interesting thought. She did not elaborate on the thought but mentioned it only in passing. The thought was – "Jesus was willing to do an end run!" It is an intriguing thought. Some of the readers might not identify with it, but most will immediately catch the thrust.

As quarterback, Jesus knew his game plan could not be to take the truth up the middle through the established line. Perhaps he would have preferred to have His message delivered by the established Jewish religious leaders – Levites, Pharisees, Sadducees, etc. These groups were already set up with followers. Their delivery mechanisms were in place. That way, however, was blocked by unbelief and blinding traditions. He did an end run.

Jesus called, trained, commissioned, and put in the game a fishermen, a tax collector, and others. The mission could not be lost in the unbelief and deadness of the established line. Because of their disobedience to relevance, He had to resort to other means. Leaders often must use innovative means to deliver a message or accomplish a goal.

Jesus' purpose was not to disregard His natural heritage, nor to bypass the Jewish established religion. Quite the contrary was true. He came first to the house of Israel. He preached first in the synagogue. He came to fulfill the law and not to bypass or change God's plan. God's plan was for everyone and for each individual.

Sometimes we too must color outside the lines. We must get beyond the established lines (walls). We follow His rules, yes. However, His plan is to win the game – not just to play it. He will give to the game a plan, His strength, and personnel to be victorious. He is great in recruitment!

This quadrennium we will Celebrate the Mission by Reaching People (2001-2002) and Making Disciples (2003-2004). The IPHC is off and running. The General Conference was the best one that I have ever attended. For the first time in our history, three of our top officials were elected by acclamation: Bishop James D. Leggett; Donald Duncan, executive director of World Missions; and Ronald Carpenter, executive director of Evangelism USA. Doug Beacham was elected executive director of Church Education Ministries. Ed Wood was elected executive director of Stewardship. The non-resident General Executive Board members elected were Terry Fowler, Southeast Zone; Chris Thompson, Northeast Zone; Leroy Baker, Central Zone; Bill Terry, Western Zone; Ronnie Salana, Hispanic Representative; and John Hedgepeth, Pastoral Representative.

Very few changes were made in the church polity (*Manual*). Those that were made were significant and geared to help the local church. A new biblical emphasis was voted in involving elders, deacons, and local board members. The first step was taken to have the general tithe and conference allocations ultimately be reduced to just a tithe – 10%. This will be over the next eight years, but it is a step in the right direction.

At the fall MPM meeting, I will review these changes. Brother Harrell and I will lead district workshops in the spring to discuss the financial details and their ramifications. Ample information will be presented *before* any changes should occur on the local level.

The N.C. Conference and IPHC are in the game! The Lord is blessing us and using our churches. We are thankful, but let us not get weary in well doing. Let's be willing to develop some new game plans. We must still do the basics – pray, preach, give, and walk in holiness.

Let us not afraid to try some new methods. May the Lord bless us to be innovative. If it is necessary to do an end run, let us do it in faith! In many places and lives, *it is an absolute necessity*.

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The Word and Power Church: What Happens When a Church Experiences All God Has To Offer? by Doug Bannister. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1999, 208 pages.

Founded upon the premise that no house divided against itself can stand, and writing under the flag as a charismatic-evangelical, Bannister seeks to build a bridge between evangelicals, strong on the Word, and charismatics, strong on power. Both the Word and power are necessary for the 21st-century church just as they were needed in the early church. The author contends that it is time for both camps to join forces and make a substantial mark on the world before Jesus Christ returns. He claims the historical battles between evangelicals and charismatics are yesterday's war. Both need to put the past behind them and move forward together in a straight direction utilizing the strengths of their compatible messages. Using his own church of over 2,500 members and its history of bringing word and power together, the author makes a good argument.

For cessationists and non-cessationists to embrace, something must give, and compromise must rule the day. According to Bannister, the writings of notable evangelicals such as D. Martyn Lloyd Jones, John Piper, J.I. Packer, and D.A. Carson prove their openness to the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Charismatics like Jack Hayford, Jack Deere, and Gordon Fee hunger for more of God's Word. All that is needed is for common ground to be realized and accepted. Passionate love for God and obedient living in light of God's Word can be accepted by both groups. And Bannister appeals for the two mighty rivers to merge and become a great force for God in the world today.

The author also brings to bear in his argument that great men and ministries of the past such as John Wesley, Dwight L. Moody, Charles Finney, Andrew Murray, Amy Carmichael, R. A. Torrey, and Jonathan Edwards preached the Word faithfully and depended on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Since Pentecostals also rely upon the Scriptures and the Spirit in ministry, it proves we all have a common heritage.

Of course, the great divider among the evangelicals and charismatics is the controversial and sensitive issue of tongue speaking, or in the author's term "spiritual language." Does a person have to speak in tongues to give evidence of being filled with the Spirit? Bannister claims that Jack Hayford has done much to soften the issue by teaching that some Spirit-filled believers do not have the gift of spiritual language and yet still live empowered lives, thereby constructing a "bridge of grace" for evangelicals and charismatics to come together as one. The author asked, "Does anybody really want to say that Martin Luther, John Calvin, Charles Spurgeon, D. L. Moody, or Amy Carmichael were not empowered by the Holy Spirit because they never spoke in tongues?" He then added the comment, "I doubt it."

Bannister concluded by stating, "At Fellowship Church [the church Bannister pastors] the gift of spiritual language is most commonly practiced in private as a means of personal prayer and praise. It is not really a topic of discussion, and we don't have a lot of people praying for one another to receive this gift." The greatest priority, according to Bannister, is love.

There is much to commend in this book. The author challenges the reader to think and to consider his or her own theological position. However, the historical controversies of both camps cannot be adequately addressed and resolved to the point of complete reconciliation in 208 pages of text. The author raises issues, problems, and concerns, but in my opinion does not clear up vital loose ends. I personally had many more questions than answers. He emphasized the need for agape, but failed to offer sufficient "truth" to go along with agape. Love and truth must stand together. Nevertheless, the book offers interesting reading and enough provocative material to justify the cost.

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This poem was written for Rev. Tim B. Henry

Dear Lord,
Lord Almighty, God above
I have just been taught of your precious love.
I have committed many a sin
And I pray to you for a new life in your name to begin.
Forgive me, my Lord, for the words that I say.
And also the unholy performances I do throughout the day.
I never knew how wonderful a thing it was to be so kind.
So I now shall walk this world with an open mind.
I now see what good can be done in this world around
So I shall take my knowledge and tell others of the joy I've found.
Thank you, my Lord, for allowing my eyes to be opened.
Every night and day now, my love you shall I send.

Sincerely yours,
A newborn child of yours

by Jessica Anderson

Rhonda's Thoughts

by Rhonda L. Kent

The Blended Family

The Bible has a true example of a blended family. It talks about the conflicts between families and what they go through. Have you ever read about such things in the word of God? Sure you have. And whom am I talking about, **Jesus**. Yes, Jesus came and was a part of a blended family. We must look at His example and the mother and father God chose for His Son.

In most blended families, the strife begins first between the child and stepparent. Many children think the stepparent wants to take the place of a previous parent. Satan starts trying to make our children at an early age think and see distorted things. As parents, you must stand in the gap and show the child this is not the case. The stepparent should have his or her own place in the child's heart, not to take the place of another person. The sooner the situation is eliminated, the easier it is to move on. Joseph and Jesus are good examples of how the interaction should be, whether adult children or small children are involved.

Joseph, like many people today, started his marriage with the odds stacked against him. Before Mary and Joseph were married, there were talk and speculation about their situation (check out the beginning of the Gospels). What Joseph endured was probably very frustrating. Matthew talks about the conflict Joseph felt within himself, and God sent an angel to talk to him. His faith in God won out, and he believed Mary was telling the truth. "Well," you say, "if God sent me an angel I would believe too"; greater a measure of faith for you to believe God's word than to have to be shown by an angel. The Bible tells us those who have not seen Him but believe in Him are blessed ("Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" –John 20:29, NKJV). Mary and Joseph proved they could go through it with their faith in God. Is life very different today? Problems come and go, and still you make a conscious choice to get through each new problem.

Surely their faith was put to the test many times. Can you imagine the responsibility Joseph had as a stepparent? For many of you, you can imagine just what he felt. You have your spouse's children and must raise them as your own. This is not an easy task. It is hard enough to raise your own, but to know a child is not yours and have to raise him is even harder. Those who adopt children see similarity in these situations. You too are given a tremendous responsibility.

This is awesome when you think about how God instituted the blended family with his very own Son...Take a walk with me.

The book of Matthew states in the very beginning Joseph was a direct descendent of David, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc...so the bloodline of the Messiah was very important. So much so that even his stepfather was of the same bloodline. Those of you who study the Bible know they tried to marry within their own clan, and yes, that is true. But deeper study reveals many did not stay with that thought. The Almighty God wanted great respect to be given to the stepparent whether he deserved it or not. God chose Joseph as much as He chose Mary. Additionally, you as a stepparent or one who has a stepparent were chosen as well.

The significance here is:

1. God trusted Joseph enough to let him raise His Son. Joseph took on a tremendous responsibility as a stepparent for Jesus. You too are taking a tremendous responsibility with your stepchild just as Joseph did with Jesus. Showing a child Jesus as a friend and someone he or she can relate to helps build a relationship between the child and Jesus. That is why it is so important to keep your children in church. It teaches them the fundamentals of a Christian walk.
2. God keeps His promises. The Scripture plainly states the Messiah would be born of a virgin, which was fulfilled. So a stepparent had to be involved, if she was going to have a son.
3. God put you in a situation to raise this child. If He is the one in control of your life, you must believe He is leading and directing you, or maybe I should say you should say you should be letting Him. Joseph had to be led. It was important for Joseph to know what to do, for Jesus' life was at stake, and it's important for you with your child to be led by God's hand.

Even more interesting is the fact that Mary's bloodline was just as important as Joseph's. To make this situation legitimate, God had to have Mary be of the same bloodline so the scripture would be fulfilled as well. Luke shows us Mary was a direct descendent of David also.

Mary must have been through some hard times as a mother with a son not from Joseph. What ridicule she probably went through, but she did not cower. She stood strong for all her children and her husband Joseph. God knew his choice had to be a strong woman who knew how to be a virtuous woman. The Word of God talks about the virtuous woman, and we must raise our daughters to be just that. Our boys likewise need to be taught the role of the man according to God's Word, not society's.

One problem we have today is showing respect for one another. The Bible shows us one example of this when Jesus gave Joseph respect as his father by honoring and obeying him.

The natural parent must also respect the stepparent by acknowledging his or her role. This places a responsibility on the natural parent to ensure they are respectful and not try to "save" the child from the stepparent, who will be different and have different ideas.

If you are looking for answers about your blended family or stepfamily, the Word of God is like a blueprint. How do you make each situation you encounter a success? Follow God's plan for your life by reading and doing what the Word says. Don't give up if the road seems rough. Remember, God said He would not put so much on us we could not bear it! Joseph and Mary did not give up on Jesus, and Jesus did not give up on them. There are many references to family and marriage in the word of God – if we would only take the time to put them into practice.

God has given us just what we need. He has already given us strength and equipped us with everything needed to accomplish His will in our lives. Our job is to be obedient and do what He tells us. He does the rest!

Seek first the kingdom of God with your problems, and listen to your pastors. They are teachings God's word, if we will listen. I challenge you today to study God's word. Seek it out not just from your pastor or church but for yourself. Study the examples God has so graciously put before us to show us how to deal with each other. The Golden Rule really applies here: Do unto others as you would want them to do to you. Many times strife would end right there, if we just stopped. But so often we think just of ourselves; this can be a bad thing in more than one way.

Let me interject one thing. For those who have been in an abusive relationship, there is more here to your situation. You can use this information and know that God can heal the hurts and problems associated with abuse. God has put in our paths today those who can help with abuse. I strongly suggest if you feel this is your situation, reach out to your pastor and let the guidance be given to you from someone who can help you. If you allow God to speak to you, He will direct your path to the right person. Use wisdom in this situation. Abuse is hurtful to everyone, even to the abuser.

One last thought to the young adult or adult children. God did not say you must like the behavior of your parents. What He said was to "honor" them. You can honor your parents and love them without liking what they do or even how they handle things in their lives. But God wants us to treat our parents with respect, regardless of their actions. No one is perfect. "We all fall short of the glory of God," so remember this when you are in strife with a parent or especially a stepparent. God's example for us is "respect." This is the last thought I want to leave with you...

The blended family should be a *step* of unity in moving on toward the mark God has set before us.

Superannuated Birthdays for October

Rev. J. Doner Lee ..... October 2
Rev. W. A. Crawford ..... October 3
Rev. William Dunning ..... October 6
Rev. W. B. Satterfield ..... October 13
Rev. Thomas Conway ..... October 14
Rev. Linwood Manning ..... October 15
Rev. Lotis Joyner ..... October 17
Rev. Mrs. Pauline Knowles ..... October 18
Rev. Mrs. Ethel Bailey ..... October 29
Rev. Miss Louise Smith ..... October 31

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

"It's All A Matter Of Perspective"

*Sometimes it seems to me we get all stressed out in trying to get everything done. Yes, I know...it's critical and there's not enough time. It's times like these that I, and maybe you, need to recognize that "**It's All A Matter Of Perspective**."*

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people can be. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.

"Oh, yes" said the son.

"So what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog, and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden, and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden, and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard, and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, but they have friends to protect them." With this, the boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

*Too many times we forget what we have and concentrate on what we don't have. What is one person's worthless object is another's prize possession. **It is all based on one's perspective**." (by Kim Herring)*

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Mark your calendar!

- ***October 11-13...<u>The 2001 National Conference on Ministry to Men</u>*** *– Atlanta Airport Marriott. This is an awesome event for pastors and the local men's leadership. Need a brochure? Call 888-867-4153.*
- ***November...<u>Disaster Recovery Training Month</u>***

Have you done this?

- *In two months, your men or pastor should be determining who the Men's Ministries officers will be for 2002.*
- *Have you selected a committee to meet with the pastor and develop the goals for your men's group for 2002?*
- *Remember your chapter's Annual Report is due on December 31. If you don't have an Annual Report form, call 888-867-4153 for one.*

Just off the press...from the National Coalition of Men's Ministry..."Effective Men's Ministry"*...The Indispensable ToolKit for Your Church. Nationally, will retail for $19.95, but your cost is only $10.00. A must read for pastors and the Men's Ministries core leadership group. <u>It's the right tool and training to help build an effective and lasting ministry to men</u>. Call 888-867-4153 for information on ordering.*

"When the fire of the Holy Spirit falls...sin is burnt out...the Lord is burnt in...and self is burnt up!"

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Mrs. Linda M. Thomas, Conference Director
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"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

Lines From Linda

When the nights begin to cool off and the leaves color the landscape with a kaleidoscope of yellow, gold and orange, we know fall is in the air. The pumpkin patch shines with the big orange fruit ready to make pumpkin pies or fall decorations. If you live in the country, on most any Sunday in October, you can find people gathered "on the grounds" for church homecoming day.

In my younger years, when the Morris Sisters (of whom I am one) traveled to sing Gospel music, many of our invitations were to homecoming services or for the song service following lunch. It was always interesting that the people tried to fill our tummies with all that great food and then expected us to sing our best for an hour or two!

The fence wire "tables" that hung between posts somewhere in the churchyard were filled with fried chicken, potato salad, homemade biscuits, cakes, pies, and banana pudding. My sisters and I laugh often about a lady at one church who had filled an old, battered, and bad-looking dishpan with banana pudding. She insisted that we eat some it! In spite of how bad the pan looked, we took some of her pudding.

Homecoming Day brings back special memories as families and friends gather. Some of them no longer live in the neighborhood or attend the church, but they return annually for this special day. Each year, some of the faithful are missing from our presence, as they have gone on to their rewards. Each year, new faces appear...as younger parents bring their babies for family and friends to enjoy.

Homecoming Day worship service is always warm with remembrances of years gone by and the heritage from which we have grown. There is a special sense of love and unity in the family of God as it is expanded to include both the young and the old. The fellowship of the saints and the playful voices of the children blend together to assure us that the church will live on.

At Holly Hill, we still eat off the wire table (weather permitting). There is always more food than could ever be eaten at one gathering. Fried chicken remains a favorite, but many new recipes accompany it now. And I still love homecoming time.

Each year as this season approaches, I miss those dear old saints who used to be a special part of homecoming day. Many of them greatly influenced my life. They saw my childhood antics and heard my playful voice. They encouraged me and challenged me as I grew into adulthood. I especially miss my mother, for she loved any time when a crowd of people gathered. She just loved being with family and friends. This year when we meet for homecoming, I will miss Aunt Sallie. For 93 years, she dedicated her life fully to the service of the Lord, and she gave freely of her time and talents to the ministry of her church.

Yes, Homecoming Day is special here, but how much more special it will be when we all get to heaven and join together with all those who have gone before us. I know the banquet table will be spread there...who knows, it might have fried chicken as well. I know there will be singing there. I know there will be fellowship and worship there. When we all get to our final home...forever with our Lord...what a grand Homecoming Day that will be!

GENERAL WM CONVENTION REPORT...

The International Pentecostal Holiness Women's Ministries Convention was held at the Omni Netherlands Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 5 and 6, 2001. Executive Director Mary Belle Johnson welcomed the conference WM directors to a luncheon on Sunday prior to the opening of the convention events. On Sunday evening, Rev. Paula White, copastor of Church Without Walls in Tampa, Florida, brought a powerful message to set the tone for the convention. Praise and Worship was led by Mrs. Debs Nail and was truly a time of refreshing in the Lord.

On Monday, the business session included the election of officials for the quadrennium. Those elected are:

Executive Director – Mrs. Jewelle Stewart
Assistant Director – Mrs. Linda Thomas
Secretary – Mrs. Peggy Eby
Eastern Zone Board Member – Beulah Sturkie*
Middle Zone Board Member – Lydia Treviño
Western Zone Board Member – Carol Palmer

Another major item of business was the revision of the Leadership Manual, which was approved. The new manual will be printed and available to local leadership within a few months. It will not include a resource section, thus will be a much smaller loose-leaf package which can be used to replace sections I, II and III of the current manual. It will also include full information regarding Girls' Ministries.

A resolution was passed to form a study commission to study the overall program of Women's Ministries to ensure continual improvement of the programs and operations.

The climax of the convention activities was the lovely banquet which was held in the Hall of Mirrors at the Omni. A delicious dinner was served, and guests enjoyed the ministry and music of Dr. Margaret Nikol. Dr. Nikol is an accomplished violinist who escaped from Communism. As a Christian in her homeland, she lived a threatened existence. Bibles were forbidden; thus, until she came to America, she owned only one page of a Bible which had been given to her. She and her son escaped to America. Her dynamic testimony, interwoven with her violin performance of several hymns, held the audience spellbound.

A very special addition to the excitement of these convention activities was the sisters from Africa, Canada, and Cuba who were present. It was an honor to have them participate in the program and share in the worship service. Missionary Gerry Talmadge accompanied a number of the ladies who work with the WM and GEMS program in Africa. (See photos on page 7.)

*Susan Beacham was actually elected, but relinquished the position when her husband was elected to the General Church Board, requiring them to move from the Eastern zone. Beulah went into the position by having received second highest vote.

Left to right: (Front row) Linda Thomas, Jewelle Stewart, Peggy Eby [Back row) Lydia Treviño, Beulah Sturkie, Carol Palmer

Mary Belle Johnson extends congratulations and best wishes to newly elected IPHC Women's Ministries Executive Director Jewelle Stewart.

Missionary Gerry Talmadge helps unpack GEMS materials which the North Carolina Conference GEMS sent to them for use in Africa.

African girls proudly wear the GEMS uniforms and display the GEMS flag which NCWM sent to them.

PICNIC TEA CAKE...

This recipe was sent by Christie Baker. She says it is a favorite where she serves as a missionary in Zimbabwe, Africa.

5 tablespoons flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 tablespoons soft margarine
2 tablespoons sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk

Beat eggs well. Add milk and beat well. Add dry ingredients and soft margarine. Mix well. Cook for 10 to 15 minutes in small greased loaf pan. Can use favorite icing if desired.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE...

For some old-time family fun, have a family "jam-box" concert. Gather the family around a stereo or jam-box. Let each family member take turns playing his/her favorite song. Everyone listens to the song. At the conclusion of the song, the person explains why he/she liked it and shares any special memories associated with the song or music style. Continue until each has "performed" his favorite song. Then have family members play songs they don't like, explaining why afterward. Conclude by singing together (fun songs, children's songs, praise songs, love songs, worship songs, hymns, etc.).

HERE SHE IS! Her name is Shelby Elyse Thomas. She arrived on August 27 weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. She is the daughter of our oldest son, Scott, and his wife, Sherri, and is Sarah's little sister. Of course, she is beautiful (as you can see!) Now that I have told you about her, I'll try not to publish any more grandbaby pictures for a while...or at least until we have another one!

Sarah proudly holds her new little sister – Shelby Elyse Thomas, August 2001.

Falcon Children's Home

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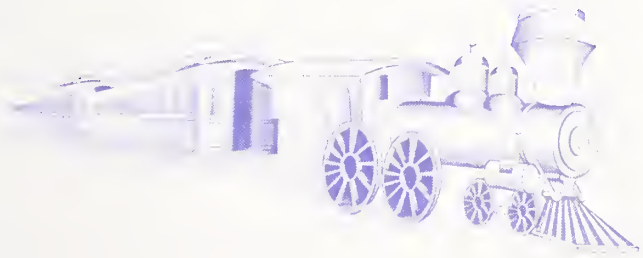

November 20, 2001
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Join NCWM in Falcon
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Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism / Missions Ministries Theme 2002

"Let us rise up and build" –Nehemiah 2:18

Though there are still three months left in 2001, it is time to look forward to the coming year, set goals, and plan our course. God has blessed us greatly as a denomination and as a conference in 2001, and for that, we give praise and honor to Him and say "Thank you" to the pastors of the North Carolina Conference and their congregations. Much has been accomplished, and yet we've only scratched the surface of what can be done; the door of opportunity and potential is still wide open. Ministry opportunities are numerous – what will we do with them?

Superintendent Thompson is placing before us the conference theme for 2002: "One Lord, One Savior, One Mission – Together We Can." This is a good and timely theme and is the springboard for all conference ministry. In Evangelism-World Missions Ministries, I want to use as our subtheme "Let us Rise up and Build" – Nehemiah 2:18. Together, we can "rise up and build" for God's glory and honor. The book of Nehemiah is about one man who experienced the hand of God and the favor of God on his life. He was moved by the circumstances of Jerusalem and its people, caught a vision of what God wanted to do, pulled a *team* together, and accomplished a great feat. The team (together) is central to the accomplishments of Nehemiah.

Every pastor, every church, every ministry arm, every member, every believer are vital and necessary to the success of the task ahead. Let no pastor, church, ministry arm, member, believer think that they are not important. I do not want any church to think that it is not a vital cog in the ministry effort of the North Carolina Conference – both in evangelism and in missions.

Nehemiah's tremendous success is a classic model for us to follow.

ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS IN BUILDING THE KINGDOM

Notice the phrase in Nehemiah: "the hand of God." This phrase appears many times in scripture, and every time it is associated with success, conquest, triumph, God's favor. The phrase appears twice in Chapter 2, first in verse 8 – the hand of God on Nehemiah causes him to find favor in Artaxerxes' sight, and the king grants Nehemiah his request to return home to rebuild the walls, and letters to acquire material to aid in the task. Second, the phrase appears in verse 18 as Nehemiah relays to the people their predicament, the waste, and then he challenges them with this phrase: "The hand of God is with me." Millions, both in America and around the world, lie in spiritual ruin, their lives wasted, and in bondage to sin and its control – Yet I want to proclaim to you, "The hand of God is upon us," and He will grant us favor.

Let me repeat Nehemiah's proclamation in verse 20: "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us..."

In response to these words, the people are motivated and challenged by Nehemiah's words and they answer, "Let us rise up and build." The last phrase of verse 18 is powerful – "Then they set [strengthened] their hands to this good work" – an immediate response followed by immediate action. Let the people of the North Carolina Conference take their cue for 2002 and the days beyond from Nehemiah. As I look through this powerful book, I want to point out four thoughts that are keys to successful building, "Kingdom Building".

A. Potential Recognized – Nehemiah 2:17b – "Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem." Nehemiah went out by night to survey the city. He saw the ruins, the waste, the tremendous potential task, and yet in spite of this, he saw beyond what could be

done. What a tremendous undertaking – Nehemiah believed that the hand of God would enable them to be successful. People, there are some great tasks and possibilities in Eastern North Carolina and in this world just ready and waiting for the IPHC. The Hand of God, the Favor of God are upon us; let's launch out into the deep, where the fish are.

There is no limit to the potential that God is offering us as a church-planting, evangelistic, missions-minded movement.

So I say to you – Come and let us build the wall!

B. Planning Required – Nehemiah 2:12-15 – The hand and favor of God were (are) one thing, but even with that, God's people must have a plan. Eastern North Carolina is ripe, ready to harvest; there are large areas of our conference that have no accessible IPHC witness. There are rapidly expanding populations of many ethnic groups in Eastern North Carolina. There is a great need for more Anglo and ethnic churches. We need some Nehemiahs. This is no time to bask in past accomplishments: the harvest is ready; Nehemiah 2:6 – we have no idea how much longer we have.

C. Progress Realized – Nehemiah 6:15 – Planning and recognition of potential brought success. If our Lord tarries – having reached the end of 2002, we want to be able to say, **by the hand and favor of God** we have reached new communities, new groups of people; we have sown the WORD, planted new churches, revitalized existing churches; new doors have been opened overseas; our missionary ranks have swelled; our giving has ballooned. Are you beginning to catch the picture? Folks, praise God for past accomplishments, but again, we've only scratched the surface in both Evangelism and Missions.

I believe and proclaim that God is truly *up to something.*

D. Praise Rendered – Nehemiah 12:27-43 – "The joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off." After careful, thoughtful, progressive planning; after the recognition of tremendous potential and pressing toward it; after real and meaningful progress – completion of said task – there was a season of citywide celebration so much that the sound of it was heard far away. At the end of year 2002, I am looking for a great time of celebration, praise, and rejoicing as the people of the North Carolina Conference give God praise and the credit for the great things He has done. If God is a great God – and the Scriptures declare Him to be so – then the bounds of the North Carolina Conference ought to be the home of 196 great churches! P.S. – by the end of 2002 – 2010 great churches. Can I get a witness?

To accomplish the task and reach our goals for 2002, we have an assortment of proven resources in **Evangelism World Missions Ministries**.

Breaking Barriers, Friendship Evangelism, Schools of Evangelism, Reach 3 Plant 3, Church Planters' Fellowship, Church Planters' School, Hispanic ministry, G.O. , Faith Commitment, Mug-A-Month, People to People, Operation Teaching Tools, MOMS, Operation Timothy.

Following is a list of some of our goals (Wall Building) for 2002:

A North Carolina Conference, Church Planters' School; 10 churches organized/planted; Church Planters' Fellowship re-emphasized; conference evangelism a local church budget item; Breaking Barriers Records; $1,450,000 in total Missions giving; $270,000 in G.O.; 100% participation in G.O.; 3000 members in the North Carolina Conference giving $100 to G.O.; a new record in Stars achievement; every church adopting at least one people to people child; every W.M., M.M., R.R., Girls' Ministry, S.S. supporting People to People; every church with a missions director and supporting in monthly giving at least one missionary; every church with a vibrant missions ministry.

Let us rise up and build the wall – so they strengthen their hands for the task! To God be the glory for things to be accomplished in 2002!

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PRINCIPLES OF SUCCESS

SEEK GOD • TRUST GOD • PRAISE GOD

Prayer is a time you choose to take in order to seek God and His presence, knowing that this is the only way you and I can be successful.

As I recall the Bible story of Jehoshaphat, in the book of II Chronicles 20:1-30, I see him as a powerful king with a great army, fortresses, etc., yet in time of war, fear, and trouble, Jehoshaphat turned to seek the God of his father. He realized that power, possessions, fame, and even a great military army could not win his battle.

Still today we need to *set* ourselves in *seeking* the God of our father Abraham.

"*Set*," **meaning to determine to beg for help from the Lord**.

As we pray, it needs to be with this kind of determination.

"God I need you, you are the God of heaven, you rule over all the kingdoms."

Yearning for God with all your heart is one of the greatest keys to prayer.

"SEEK HIM!"

"Our eyes are upon thee"
II Chronicles 20:12

The next thing Jehoshaphat did was *trust God*. His trusting in the word that came through the voice of the prophet and musician Jahaziel, seen in II Chronicles 20:13, 17, brought him and the people great assurance, peace, and strength. As he trusted God's word, he then went forward fearing nothing.

"The battle is not yours but God's...Set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you..." II Chron. 20:15, 17.

Trusting God is the second step to our success.

WORSHIPING, PRAISE, SING, BLESSED.

The third step to success is *praising God*. II Chronicles 20:18-30: Jehoshaphat and the congregation responded to Jahaziel's prophecy with adoration.

"Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the Lord, worshipping the Lord."

The battle was not won yet, but the word of the Lord was received in faith.

As believers, we must receive the word of God by faith and believe that when we pray He is faithful to answer. We can praise God at all times because we believe His word.

WHEN WE TRUST THE WORD OF GOD, WE CAN PRAISE HIM.
LET US SING THE SONG OF FAITH.

SEEK GOD, TRUST GOD, PRAISE GOD, AND YOU WILL HAVE A SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

PRAY, THEN PRAY AGAIN, THEN PRAY SOME MORE!

ON NOVEMBER 3, 2001, WE WILL HAVE OUR WIN CONFERENCE IN FALCON, N.C. PASTORS AND SPOUSES, WIN CAPTAINS, AND CONGREGATIONS ARE INVITED TO COME.
GUEST SPEAKERS: Dr. A. DOUGLAS BEACHAM AND MRS. BEACHAM

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PRAYER TIME /SHORT SERVICE – OCTAGON TABERNACLE
SECOND SESSION: TEACHING/ TESTIMONIES/MINISTERING
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Church Education Ministries Director

2001 NC Conference National Talent & Bible Quest Winners

National Talent Quest

CATEGORY		PARTICIPANT(S) NAME	PLACED
1.1	Vocal Solo – Female	Willfrancys Concepcion	Honorable Mention
1.2	Vocal Solo – Male	Christopher Smith	Honorable Mention
2.1	Vocal/Instrumental (Individual)	Melissa Dunning	2nd
2.2	Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble	Goldsboro 1st Praise Band	Winner
3.1	Vocal Ensemble (Duets, Trios, Quartets)	Northwood Temple Trio	3rd
3.2	Vocal Ensemble (Min. 5/Max 12)	Northwood Temple	Winner
3.3	Vocal Ensemble (Min. 13/No Max)	Mt. Carmel	2nd
3.4	Conference Choir (Min. 13/No Max)	N.C. Conference Choir	Winner
4.1	Instrumental Solo (Wind)	Amber Grissom	Winner
4.2	Instrumental Solo (Strings)	Jeremy Haire	Honorable Mention
4.4	Instrumental Solo Indef. Pitch Percussion	James Murphy	Honorable Mention
5.1	Instrumental Ensemble (Duets, Trios, Quartets)	Christopher & Kevin Smith	Winner
5.2	Instrumental Ensemble (Min. 5/No Max)	Youth In Covenant	Winner
5.3	Instrumental Ensemble (Bell Choirs)	His Majesty's Best	2nd
6.1	Keyboard – Solo	Julie Price	2nd
7.1	Communication Arts (Speech)	Candace Pittman	Winner
7.2	Comm. Arts (Audible) Individual	Bill Rose, Jr.	2nd
7.3	Comm. Arts (Audible) Two or More	Lifeline Drama Team	Winner
7.4	Comm. Arts (Inaudible Mime) Individual	Jamie Wheeler	Honorable Mention
7.7	Comm. Arts (Inaudible Pantomime w/out Vocals) Two Or More	D.E.W.	3rd
7.8	Comm. Arts (Inaudible Pantomime) With Vocals – Individual	Afton Roof	Honorable Mention
7.9	Comm. Arts – (Inaudible Pantomime) With Vocals – Two or More	D.E.W.	Honorable Mention
7.10	Comm. Arts – Interpretative Dance Indiv.	Ashley Hudson	Honorable Mention
7.11	Comm. Arts – Interpretative Dance Two or More	Gospel Tabernacle Step Team	Honorable Mention
8.1	Creative Arts – Painting	Jessica Herrin	Honorable Mention
8.2	Creative Arts – Graphics	Bobby Emery	Honorable Mention
8.4	Creative Arts – Photography	Leigh Ann Clark	Honorable Mention
8.5	Creative Arts (Fabricated Art)	Anna Whitfield	Winner
9.2	Creative Writing – Fiction	Michael Bartlett	Honorable Mention
9.3	Creative Writing – Poetry	Bethany Staples	Honorable Mention
10.1	Video	Mount Carmel	Honorable Mention

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National Bible Quest

CATEGORY	PARTICIPANT (S) NAME	PLACED
Masters	Culbreth Memorial	Winners
Power Play	Culbreth Memorial	Winners
Bible Bowl	Culbreth Memorial	Winners

National Royal Ranger of the Year

CATEGORY	PARTICIPANTS NAME	PLACED
Trailblazer	Matthew Walston	Winner
Trail Ranger of the Year	Travis Davis	2nd

Welcome, Rev. Beacham

The North Carolina Conference Church Education Ministries Department would like to welcome Rev. A.D. Beacham, Jr., our newly elected executive director of Church Education Ministries. Rev. Beacham was elected to this position in August at the General Conference held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. Beacham was serving as the superintendent of the Georgia Conference, International Pentecostal Holiness Church, when elected to his new position. He is the Southeast Zone representative on the IPHC General Executive Board and is the chairman of the Emmanuel College Board of Trustees. He is married to Susan R. Beacham of Greenwood, South Carolina, and has a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Douglas.

Rev. Beacham has written numerous articles and short stories as well teen and adult Sunday school literature since 1975 for IPHC, Assemblies of God, and Church of God. He has also written *A Brief History of the Pentecostal Holiness Church* (Franklin Springs: LifeSprings Resources, 1982) and *Light for the Journey: A Fresh Focus on Doctrine* (Franklin Springs: LifeSprings Resources, 1998).

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A Harvest of Thanks

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

November and the Church

Those who know me or have been in service with me know that I do not care for "benediction." As God blesses, we should carry those blessings out into the deprived world. His blessings should not stop at the church. He has been good to His household of faith. My ideal benediction is for everyone to get twelve hugs and at least seven handshakes. Twelve hugs is the number needed, according to *Reader's Digest*, to feel loved. Seven handshakes is a symbolic number of completeness.

We should minister out of a full heart and a heart of gracious thankfulness. Ministry does not end at church, but begins there. How can we not minister His love when we realize all He has done in each of us and in His Church – His Body?

November is thought of as a month of thanksgiving. It is a month of gracious reflection after all the harvest has been gathered in. It is a month of planning for the winter based on an ample harvest. I see the church as a perpetual November.

When told His mother and brethren were present, Jesus asked, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" "And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and mother'" (Mark 3:33-35). Jesus then spoke of ministry and sowing the seed.

As believers look around in the church, they should see their family – their brothers and sisters in the faith. They should see those saved by grace and saved from the defeats of sin. They should see miracles in the making.

The local church body should be a seed bed of ministry. An attitude of thankfulness should prevail. There should be thanks to God for all His personal blessings and thanks to God for establishing His family.

The local church should not be a place of confrontation, mistrust, and argument. When such an atmosphere is present, the benediction of God's grace is said. The church ceases to grow and reproduce.

In 1997, Tiger Woods won the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club. In doing so, Woods set a Masters' record of eighteen under par. He also won $486,000.00 and, at 21, became the youngest champion in Masters' history. How did he respond to this historic accomplishment? He said, "More than anything, I was relieved it was over. Every time I hug my mom and pop, I know a tournament is over and I've accomplished my goal. To share this with them is something special."

He did not say every time he won, he got a hug. He said every time he completed a tournament, he got a hug.

A hug is symbolic of affection and gratitude. It's not about winning. It's all about trying and finishing. It is about the love and support of the family. The church is our family. Let us be thankful for our brothers and sisters. The church is our mother. From her comes life and strength. People in the household of faith do matter. They are each important.

When I visit the churches and talk with our people, I receive strength. I thank the Lord for each of them. Out of this atmosphere of thankfulness, ministry flows.

Recently Betty and I received the following special poem from Sister Lida M. Rogers. Such words and support spur Betty and me on to greater activity!

REALIZE

If I could
I'd write for you a rainbow
And splash it
With all the colors of God
And hang it
In the window of your being
So that
Every lovely morning anew
Your eyes would
Open first to hope and promise
And then to
A beautiful sunrise of blue
If I could
I would wipe away all your tears
And hold you
Forever without a fear
But God never
Promised I could suffer for you
He only promised
I could deeply love you
And Dear friend
That is what I do.

Written by Lida Rogers
August 25, 2001

May each of us look at our church in a different way. May we see as Jesus saw. From that perception, let us minister. We thank Him, we praise Him; then we move into the approaching winter with grace ministry.

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Lines From Linda

"I pledge allegiance glance to the flag of the United States of America.
And to the Republic for which it stands.
One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I can't remember the first time I said the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. However, I do remember my first grade teacher, Mrs. Annie Franks, having us all stand each morning as she prayed and then led us in the pledge. From those early years, I have realized what a great privilege it is to be an American.

As a child, I remember seeing pictures of my Uncle Luther Morris, who was quite a handsome sailor dressed in his U.S. Navy uniform. He served active duty in World War II, and when he returned to the United States shared many of his experiences. He was very proud to have had a part in defending his country.

A special friend, Thad Lilly, served in the U.S. Navy and was serving duty at Pearl Harbor on that fateful December day when the Japanese bombs fell. Two years ago, on the Sunday before Veterans Day, Thad shared with our church some of his experiences while serving his country. He had grown up in the Holly Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church, and he said he felt the effects of the prayers people were praying for him. I listened intently in appreciation for the service he gave to defend our freedom.

When I was a teenager, both my older brothers were in the U.S. Army at the same time. My oldest brother, Jimmie, was stationed in Korea. Curtis served in the 82nd Airborne Special Forces as a Green Beret. I remember well thinking how very handsome they were wearing their uniforms of service to our nation. I was mighty proud of both of them. Curtis remained in the Army Reserve many years, retiring just recently.

Through the years, the American flag or uniforms of the military forces of our great nation have always provoked great respect in me. At parades, when the flag passes me, tears well up in my eyes. At ballgames, when the national anthem is played or sung, I often feel a lump rise in my throat. Hearing a military band play stirs up my patriotic blood. All these remind me of how much I love America. I am easily upset by those who do not appreciate the freedoms we enjoy in our nation.

In the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attack, an awakening of patriotism has been seen in our country. Flags are everywhere. Patriotic slogans are plastered on billboards and marquees.

A renewed sense of pride has been exhibited. It is reassuring to see that we are the *United* States of America. I have never been prouder to be an American.

We all recognize how horrid are the terrorist attacks and the war that has incurred. Yet we have been reminded that our nation and what it stands for are something of which we should be proud. I believe we have once again seen that America, at its core, is still a Christian nation. As we have united ourselves in patriotism, so must we also unite ourselves in prayer.

These are perilous times. We must commit to pray for:

- President Bush and national leaders for divine wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- World leaders who are allied with the United States in the war on terrorism.
- Nations of the world and people who are suffering as a result of these actions.
- Military personnel for actions they must take and their safety.
- The families of all those who were killed on September 11.
- Our enemies, the terrorists, who need God.

As much as we love our nation, we know that our hope is not in the kingdoms of this world. How clearly we can see the stage being set for the rise of the antichrist. As we pray for our nation and world leaders, we must also pray for all who do not know Jesus as their Savior. We must sound the warning, for we know what is taking place is just bringing us another step closer to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us hold fast to His Word in these troubled days as we continue to show our loyalty to God and to our nation. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

O, say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free,
And the home of the brave

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

GOSPEL TABERNACLE MISSIONETTES CROWNING...

On September 9, 2001, the Gospel Tabernacle Church of Dunn, NC, hosted an unprecedented event. The Missionettes program crowned twenty Honor Stars in a ceremony befitting the royalty they were representing: our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The guest speaker was Linda Thomas, NC Conference Women's Ministries Director and IPHC Women's Ministries Assistant Director. She delivered a very moving devotion to the girls on the topic of crowns they will receive not on this earth, but before their heavenly Father.

The program included some unique features worth mentioning. As their fathers escorted the girls down the aisle, prerecorded speeches by the girls on five different topics were played. The topics included: What Missionettes has meant to me; My most memorable time while in the Star program; My favorite star badge and why; How Missionettes has taught me to be a better person; and Why being crowned as a Missionettes Honor Star is important to me.

Between being charged and receiving her crown, a computerized slide show of each girl was projected on a large screen, showing photographs from birth to the present. Each girl was read a charge written especially for her by leaders Vickie Tart and Gail Faircloth. Lois Miller, Missionettes director, crowned each girl, and after the crowning, a cape was placed on her shoulders by Billie Scott, Missionettes leader.

Another notable mention is that fifteen previous Honor Stars and approximately thirty active Missionettes and leaders were in attendance to show their support.

The Women's Ministries, a loyal supporter of the Missionettes ministry, hosted a beautiful reception following the ceremony in the church's family life center. The focal point was a large balloon canopy over the serving table. Some 300 guests joined the girls for a time of congratulations and fellowship.

The sky was shimmering with stars that night, but none shone as brightly as the spirit of the Stars on our stage in that sanctuary. God bless such a wonderful ministry of the future leaders of our church.

Submitted by Gail Faircloth

Twenty beautiful Honor Stars receive crowns and capes at the Gospel Tabernacle Missionettes Crowing Ceremony. Left to Right: Front Row: Laura Jean Scott, Elizabeth Holmes, Kathleen Thomas, Leah Hamilton, Anna Barbara Adams. Second Row: Miranda Gardner; Sarah Tart, Whitney Leggett, Tyiesha Evans, Jessica Wooten, Traci Antinucci, Samantha Johnson. Third Row: Laura Whitman, Kimberly Brewington, Michelle Kelly, Susana Angulo, Brittany Hinson, Amber Johnson, April Johnson, LeAnne Willis.

MAMA'S HANDKERCHIEFS...

(This article was written by my sister, Gloria Morris Williams. Since November 30 was our mother's birthday, I felt it would be an appropriate tribute to her loving memory to share a little of her influence. LT)

One of my fondest memories of my mother is the memory of the handkerchiefs which she always tucked into her purse as we left for church on Sunday mornings. These dainty, colorfully embroidered hankies were most likely purchased from Peterson's or Cannon's Variety, our small town general store and "five and dime." I am sure they cost only a few cents, but they were priceless. For when Mother began to worship – to sing, to pray, to praise – and the tears from her heart began to flow, the little handkerchiefs held her tears. These were not tears of "doom, despair, and agony on me." These were tears of faith. Tears that spoke volumes of her trust in her Lord. Trust that her loved ones would be saved. Trust that her body would be healed. Trust that the needs of her family would be supplied.

When Mama went to be with the Lord, one of the things that I wanted most was one of her handkerchiefs. So I made sure I found one and tucked it inside the red Bible that I had bought for her at Advocate Press when I was a student at Emmanuel College. These memories prompted me, when I became a mother, to purchase a package of these little handkerchiefs for use in my own prayer time. It increases my faith each time I take one out of the dresser drawer and put it with my Bible for my prayer time or to take to a worship service.

When the tragedy struck our nation on September 11 and the tears began to flow from my broken heart, I turned to my little handkerchiefs. I determined to pray more for our nation, to repent for taking so much for granted, and to trust the Lord.

Perhaps a patriotic prayer handkerchief – embroider, stamp, or paint on a flag – would someday be a faith-building memory for your child. Some say prayer is a private, personal thing. But I am thankful for the many mornings I awoke to the sound of my mother's prayers.

As we shed tears praying for our nation, may we trust fully that in the Lord's time, we may wave these handkerchiefs in the victory of our Lord.

In loving memory of a wonderful Christian mother,
Maggie Leigh Jones Morris
I am forever grateful.
Gloria Morris Williams

WHEN I'M ON MY KNEES...

This morning I slipped quietly away into my living room to spend some time talking to Jesus. As I knelt and began to pray, my mind started wandering here and there. I knew it was going to be one of those days when focusing would be difficult. I remembered a devotional book I had recently purchased to give to a friend. The book is entitled *When I'm On My Knees*, by Anita Corrine Donihue. This book is filled with prayers and praises to lift before our Lord.

I began to flip through the pages and came to one entitled "Praise You For Your Patience." As I prayed the prayer, I felt God's Spirit welling up in my heart, which was manifested through the warm tears that began to fill my eyes. Let me share a few lines with you.

Father, thank You for being so patient with me.
For the many times I mess things up and You are still there for me, I am grateful.
How thankful I am for Your tender mercies and your sympathy toward me when I need You most.
I reverence You, Lord. How marvelous are Your wondrous ways.
How kind Your forgiving grace.
Praise You for Your endless love and compassion.
You have kept me safe from disaster so many times.
You heal my illnesses. You strengthen my mind, soul and body.
Forgive me for my thoughtlessness and the times I mistreat You.
I can't understand why You love me!
I marvel that You know me so well. You know the hairs on my head.
You care about he pain in my head, my hands, my back, my feet.
Help me, Father, to think before I act, to be more cautious,
and to take better care of myself.
Thank You for Your patience and forgiving love.

I recommend you purchase this devotional and keep it in your "prayer closet" for those days when the enemy wars against your mind. I hope it will prove to be a blessing for you as it has for me.

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Devotional Thoughts on Prayer for Women
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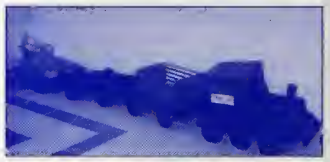
District Directors enjoy the view as NCWM Board Member Meshelder Richardson gives the devotion on the pier at their Bay River retreat.



Hope your train is loaded and ready to be a part of the Falcon Children's Home Harvest Train on November 20. This miniature train is used in the foyer at Family Life Tabernacle (Greenville District) to remind the congregation to bring commodities for Harvest Train.

A THANKSGIVING RECIPE...

This APPLE NUT RING will make a great addition to your Thanksgiving meal.

2 pkgs. canned biscuits (7.5 oz size)
¼ cup melted butter
1⅓ cup sugar
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
2 medium Granny Smith apples
⅓ cup nuts, chopped

Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip biscuits in melted butter. Roll in sugar mixture. Arrange in overlapping circular pattern in deep dish baking pan. Core and slice apples. Put slice between each biscuit. Mix nuts with remaining sugar mixture and sprinkle over top. Bake in 400 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes.

CHURCH NEWS

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis

The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork: Embrace Them and Empower Your Team by John C. Maxwell. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2001, 265 pages.

In typical Maxwell fashion, *The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork,* loaded with illustrations, valuable quotes, and practical insights, offers a tantalizing fare of serviceable information that will aid any pastor, administrator or program leader in developing and maintaining a good, effective team. Teamwork is biblical. Moses, Nehemiah, Paul, and the Lord Jesus serve as prime examples of possessing a team mind-set. These leaders were able to do extraordinary things because they understood the principles or laws of teamwork. It would be to our advantage to learn and practice them as well. As James Hunton stated, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." If you want to be a success in the ministry, then you must learn the value and investment of the team.

No matter at what stage you are in your development as a leader, there is always room for improvement. This publication offers fundamentals as well as challenging facts to stretch your understanding and appreciation of teamwork. Learning to invest in the team pays rich dividends. Learning to practice each law of teamwork contributes to a growing and empowered team.

For example, in making team leadership a priority in the local church, It eliminates the pastor as a superhero model and facilitates the people to use their spiritual gifts as God intended. One is too small a number to achieve greatness. One cannot multiply. Each pastor must ask himself or herself, "Is my dream bigger than myself?" If it is, then the pastor needs help and lots of it. Like the proverbial sign that states, "If I had to do it all over again, I'd get help," so must the leader get help in doing the work God has given to that local congregation.

I highly recommend this work to be a great source on the subject of teamwork, one which needs to be on every shelf of every pastor and leader of this conference. It offers suggestions on how to start a team, remedies to help ailing teams, and fresh, insightful teaching for teams that are already on their way in accomplishing great things for God. Happy reading!

The Best Is Yet to Come: Bible Prophecies Through the Ages by Tony Evans. Chicago: Moody Press, 2000, 332 pages.

If you are in need of an easy-to-understand, reliable, and trustworthy book on Bible prophecy, then your search is over. These are days in which many people are interested in Bible prophecy and the future. People have a strong desire to know more about current events and the days ahead in terms of what is going to happen next.

Evans, a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, has done a splendid job in presenting eschatological truths in a way that enables the reader to see the "Big Picture" of the future. He emphasizes that God has a plan, a perfect plan, and everything is happening according to schedule. Nothing has taken God by surprise, not even the horrific events on September 11. His intention for writing the book is not only to provide helpful information concerning the future according to Holy Scripture, but to help the reader love the Lord Jesus more and serve Him better in the days ahead.

There are nineteen chapters in this publication, and I am impressed with the simplicity of his approach and the way he has presented an outline that is easy to follow and understand. He starts out by showing how reliable Bible prophecy has been through the centuries. God is good at predicting. In fact, He is 100% accurate in His predictions. All you have to do is study history. But the Lord is also accurate in predictions that have yet to come to pass, such as prophecies concerning the Rapture, the coming of the Antichrist, the Tribulation Period, the Battle of Armageddon, the Millennium, and the Great White Throne Judgment.

The author concludes the book with the section entitled, "Eternity Unveiled," in which he presents facts about death, heaven, and hell. He answers questions like, "What happens when a person dies?" and "What are heaven and hell like?" and "How should we live today?"

Christians can honestly say, "Praise the Lord; it is getting gloriously dark!" Yet we need to learn from the past and hear and obey God in the present so our future will be bright and blissful. Let's live in the light of God's Promises, and His Program and His Priorities, until Jesus comes. Happy reading!

Order these books and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009, 1-800-541-1376.

Greetings, Dear Friends and Family

No excuses for the length and formality – this is from my heart, and I share it with all of you.

These are the times that test the depths of our souls. For we stand in the midst of uncertain times in this little country of ours that we thought was safe from the horrors of war. But just as we were thrust into WW II, we have been spurred into another war. And with war comes the call to our entire nation to stand with each other and unite behind our leaders and the decisions that they make as they call for the military to lay their lives on the line in service for our country.

I sit here now at home typing this letter to you. I already know that I will be deploying to a foreign country to support the efforts of this campaign, but I could not tell any of you of our plans before deploying. When you get this letter, I will already be gone and in another country. The exact location is not known to me right now and may never be known to any of you until I return. This is all for the security of us, the soldiers, and I trust that each of you will understand this.

It has been just a little over one year since I have been back on active duty and serving as an active duty chaplain. This year has flown by as I sit here now and reflect back on it. My calling from God is clear. God called me to be an Army Chaplain, and I have seen the evidence of this each and every day this last year. Soldiers are called upon to live a life that most of you cannot fully understand unless you walk in their boots. And I have the honor of connecting God to soldiers, and soldiers to God in the midst of their selfless service to our country.

I think of the time that a young married soldier came to me before we were going out to the field for two weeks. During that coming field exercise, my unit was going to conduct a "live fire"

exercise. This is more than shooting at targets at a controlled range. We were going to carry live ammunition and come as close as possible to simulating attacking an objective in combat. I remember walking with the soldiers all the way up to the objective and hearing and feeling the bullets fly by me as the support element was shifting fire off the objective and as the assault element breached the wire and started clearing the objective. We did all of this while artillery was being shot over us onto the objective. This is some of the closest training we can get to combat. But back to the young married soldier. He and his wife came to me one week before we did this training. It was his first time conducting a "live fire," and he was understandably nervous. They wanted to have a special service one afternoon so I could dedicate their baby. This was important to them – "Just in case something happens at the 'live fire.'" As you can imagine, I was honored and choked up all at the same time.

Or I think of another time when I was ministering to soldiers out in the field this last winter. It was well below freezing, about 5 degrees or so. I was walking along and stopped to talk with a soldier who was doing guard duty out in the field. There we were, middle of the day, snowing, covered up with clothing except for our eyes and nose, and he opened his heart to me and shared his concerns with me. I stood there and talked to him for 30 minutes in the midst of these conditions and was able to be incarnationally the presence of Jesus in this young man's life.

Or there is another time that I will never forget for as long as I live. I had been with my unit for two months, and we were out in the field training. Each squad (about nine men) conducted training in a long circle of stations that lasted almost three days. It was one situation after another – no sleep, and they marched from one site to another. By the time the cycle was over, they marched or tactically moved though the woods for a total of 28 miles. Imagine that: no sleep, cold, hungry, tired, and walking with a heavy pack on your back for three days. So I wanted to be with each of these squads and encourage them where they would need the most encouragement. So I got my chaplain assistant; we grabbed our packs and walked with each squad on the last eight-mile section of this training. For some of the squads, this last section meant that I met them about 0300. (That's three in the morning.) Most of the squads were surprised and one soldier asked me, "Chaplain, what are you doing here?"

"I came to be you guys and walk with you," I said.

He came back, "Well its good to see that God is here with us."

I could go on and on with story after story. But I hope this has let you catch a glimpse of the wonderful ministry that I am blessed to have. I love my soldiers and my ministry. I am sad to leave my wife for yet another deployment, which means more separation. But I am excited to be exactly where God wants me to be. Soldiers need to know that God loves them, and I get to be the one who shows them God's love. HOW WONDERFUL!

So to come to a message and challenge to you, my friends and family. Know this, that when you see troops "over there," you will have had an influence on their lives. You have invested into my life and helped me prepare in some way for my calling and ministry to soldiers. And for this, I thank you. But please do not forget to continue praying for my unit and me. Many of my soldiers are young and full of many different thoughts and emotions right now. They are reaching out to find answers and understanding in all that is happening. And I have the privilege of walking with them in this unsettling time of their lives.

Lauri and I were just talking the other day about the Lord answering her prayers. She asked God to keep her husband close to home for our first year at Fort Drum. God answered that prayer, with the exception of a three-month summer deployment to West Point, NY (only 5 hours away). September made one year for us up here at Fort Drum. God answers prayer – careful what you pray for. I have asked Lauri to send this letter after I have left the country. And I am not sure if I set up all my addresses correctly. So please feel free to send/forward this to all of our mutual friends. Please do not email me, but correspond with Lauri (lauritrot@aol.com).

Blessings to each of you.
Chaplain Stanton D. Trotter

It is my privilege to send Stanton's greeting to each of you. I trust it will serve to bless you and cause you to keep Stanton and his unit in your daily prayers. Stanton was deployed sometime between the 6th and 7th of October. I will not be told exactly when he left or where he is going and what he/his unit will be doing. Nor will I be told when he will return – he suggested I plan for a minimum of six months. I have been told there will probably be no communication for a minimum of one month and then possibly I will be given an address for snail mail. Clearly I don't have many details to share except that I do know Stanton is right where the Lord wants him to be and Stanton would not have it any other way. He truly loves being a chaplain.

I will remain at Fort Drum during this deployment as I continue to work and stay involved with ministry opportunities on post. Fort Drum has a large contingency of "separated spouses" due to multiple simultaneous deployments to the Sinai, Bosnia, Kosovo, and the unknown. It is a unique time of ministry for Stanton and also for me. Thank you in advance for your faithful prayers. I welcome any communications and will do my best to keep in touch with you. Please remember to respond to **lauritrot@aol.com** if you wish to correspond.

Blessings.
Lauri Trotter

Reginald Earl Sherrod of Spring Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church

This article is about a man who made a commitment to God and to his church when times were hard and wages were low. He didn't know what was ahead in life, yet he fully depended on God, faith, and his family to attend church. Brother Sherrod never missed Sunday School in 50 years. In the early years, his pastor, Rev. Wiley Vick, was an encouragement and inspiration to him.

On August 26, 2001, Brother Sherrod was honored by his church. He was awarded his fifty year bar. He was also presented a plaque for 50 years of perfect attendance. His line of perfect attendance pins extends to 25" long.

Brother Sherrod is also the secretary-treasurer of the Spring Hope Church and has been for 20 years.

Our congratulations and prayers are extended to Brother Reginald Earl Sherrod.

Superannuated Birthdays for November

Rev. Mrs. Sue Parker ..... November 13
Rev. W.O. Foreman ..... November 26
Rev. Kenneth Autry ..... November 26
Rev. Wiley Vick ..... November 29

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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When Dawson Trotman, founder of The Navigators, was recruiting counselors for a Billy Graham Crusade in a large city, he made numerous phone calls to the supporting churches. He would ask, "Could we have the names of the men and women in your congregation who know their Bibles well enough to lead someone to Christ?" After a long pause, the church secretary of one of the larger churches replied rather wistfully, "You know, we did have a man like that in church once, but he moved away."

If someone called your church or your Men's Ministries president and asked for the names of men who "know their Bible well enough to lead someone to Christ," what would the answer be?

Key Bible Verse: Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" (Matthew 9:37). Bonus Reading: Romans 10:6-17

Challenge for Men:

- *What does a man need to know to accept Christ?*
- *Has your men's group taken the* ***Friendship Evangelism*** *course?*
- *Is your men's group participating in* ***Reach 3****?*
- *Better yet, how many men in your men's group know how "to offer Christ"?*

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Christmas Book Giveaway 2001:

*Some men come to church only once a year. Why not surprise them with a gift from your men's group that would bring them back? Two special books by Patrick Morley are available...****The Man in the Mirror*** *and* ***Ten Secrets for the Man in the Mirror.*** *Each is available in cases of 48 for $50 (shipping included). Orders must be received by November 28 for books to be delivered by December 14. Call* ***Man in the Mirror*** *(800-929-3536...ext. 126) or order a case at www.maninthemirror.org.*

TEAMshare 2001:

Recently your church received a letter from the Men's Ministries Director, Jack Kelley, on participating in ***TEAMshare 2001****. There are three possible ways you might want to do this: (1) Ministry Partners, (2) the William S. Wellons, Sr. Endowment Fund, or (3) Men's Ministries Overseas. Questions? Call 888-867-4153.* ***Let's be part of this ministry!***

Mark Your Calendar!

- *November is* ***Pastor's Prayer Partners*** *Month*
- *December is* ***Ministry Partners' Emphasis*** *Month*
- *Your* ***"Chapter Annual Report"*** *is due to your pastor and to the conference Men's Ministries director by December 31.*

Have You Done This?

- *Set up* ***Pastor's Prayer Partners*** *(PPP) yet? Call and order PPP – $5.00 (888-867-4153).*
- *Are your men involved in* ***Disaster Relief Training****? Call 888-867-4153.*

When the fire of the Holy Spirit falls...sin is burnt out...
the Lord is burnt in...and self is burnt up!

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

The Birth of Christ Cathedral of Praise

In 1994, things were good. My wife and I were celebrating ten years of ministry at the same church, where she was also on staff, in between having our children. We had just had our fourth child; the older three were blessed to have had Christian education in our own church school their whole lives. I was the longest-tenured staff pastor on a staff of more than thirty-five. I had great relationships on every level. We had a spacious, beautiful home in the country only seven minutes from church. Life really couldn't have gotten much better.

Then that day happened. I can't actually give you a date, but I can remember it vividly. It was the day I heard R.W. Schambach say he would be ministering in Durham, North Carolina. Now I often caught Bro. Schambach's program on our Christian radio station, and I'm sure he often, if not always, gives his itinerary. But when he said "Durham, North Carolina" that day, something went off inside me. I'm sure it wasn't the first time I had ever heard the name of the city, but that day, I was stirred by just the sound of it, and I immediately had to know where it was and more about it.

Over the next few years, every time I heard someone even say "North Carolina," my spirit would just leap. At the same time, God began to work in me regarding the one thing I told him I would never do. No, it wasn't that I would not plant a church; that had not even entered my mind. I told the Lord as a teenager that I would do anything He wanted me to do but pastor (I wouldn't preach to the choir here).

By 1998, we knew we had to do something, so we planned to drive through the area on a trip up to my wife's family on Cape Cod. Though that trip didn't produce any particular results, the excitement was growing, and God was showing me that it was His plan to complete in me what He began when my grandfather was adopted by a converted Jew from New York, who was a pioneering church planter in Louisiana. My sons and I are answers to prayers prayed by a converted Jew almost a hundred years ago. Keep praying!

In the summer of 1999, there was no longer any doubt about our planting a church in North Carolina, so we planned to drive through again on our way to Dee's family. Only this time, there was a catch: the Lord said I had to talk to my pastor about what was going on in our hearts, before we left. Now if things hadn't been going well, that would not have been a problem, but I had prayed often through the years that if or when the Lord moved us, it would be at a time when things were better than ever. And they were. I just couldn't bring myself to say those words.

It came down to the day before we were leaving, and the Lord had said not to leave without telling our pastor, so I asked God to make a way. And He did. As soon as I walked into the office that day, there was Pastor, sitting in his office alone with the door open. I don't know if you've ever been around a church that runs more than a thousand worshipers a Sunday and has a school of 350 – that just isn't common, even in the summer. I went to my office to pray about talking to my pastor. No kidding! I really did. I was struggling. In fact, I pretty much stayed in my office that day until I realized, or at least I thought, everyone had left.

Oh great, I thought. *Now I'm going to have to go find Pastor to tell him.* But God already had it worked out. When I walked out of the office, there was Brother Miller and his son, Jay, also on staff, talking in front of the church. So the time had come. Still not sure of what to say, I simply greeted them both, and before I was able to say anything else, Brother Miller began to talk. He said, "Brother Al, Jay had a dream last night that really has me troubled. He dreamed that you turned in your resignation. Could there be anything to that?"

Believe it or not, with that, I was able to tell my pastor what was on our hearts, and God has done much more than help me talk to my pastor. He has provided us with a great home in Cary for only $100 more than we were paying way out in the country in Eli Whitney. God has provided us with a nice meeting place free of charge. Someone gave us a nice car to sell and purchase our first van, which we have done. The Lord sold our house back in Louisiana for the asking price (we priced it high for negotiating room), with no closing cost to us, no insurance, no warranty, in a market with a glut of houses, our house being on the "wrong" side of town; and today, one year later, the buyer still hasn't even moved into the house! And the Lord is so good to meet our every need, again and again.

Our only prayer and goal is to be used of the Lord. And we believe that His purpose in Christ Cathedral of Praise

s to build a church to His glory, and His glory alone, through everyday people, people with hurts and needs like everyone else, but infused with the supernatural, overcoming, life-changing and life-sustaining power of God, to show the world that there is a God who loves us and cares about our every need and has a great plan for each one of our lives.

Submitted by: Al and Dee Marks
Christ Cathedral of Praise
Cary, North Carolina

Following is a very interesting and challenging article submitted by Rev. Jettie Parker, a superannuated missionary, but by no means "retired." The ministry of Brother and Sister Parker is a challenge to all; whether you minister overseas or at home, there is a worldwide mission field and it is full of opportunities. "Look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). Brother & Sister Parker are examples of people who realize that their ministry is not nearly over, but still in full swing.

A MISSIONARY AT HOME

When I was growing up, they were called "county homes," but people generally referred to them as "poorhouses." A lot of improvement has taken place since those days.

Today, there are a variety of institutions catering to the elderly, according to their various needs: retirement centers, rest homes, assisted living centers, nursing homes, and convalescent care centers. Though these Institutions cater to people on different levels, generally they are referred to as nursing homes.

About 1994, our daughter, Patricia, began encouraging us to begin a nursing home ministry. We didn't think much about it at the time, but she wouldn't let us forget it. She won the battle, and for the past seven years, this ministry has been a vital part of our lives.

On Sunday mornings, Sue and I attend worship services at our home church, the First Pentecostal Holiness Church of Sanford, where we teach Sunday school classes and sing in the choir. Sunday nights, we go to Victorian Manor, an assisted living home, where we have regular church services. On Wednesday nights, we have church services at another home, Ashewood Estates. We love it!

We minister to people of all denominations, people who are often far from their homes and their churches. Some have few, if any, friends to visit or care for them. They look forward to our ministry each week and tell us how much they love us. And we love them!

But being retired missionaries, we have sometimes found ourselves longing for the "good ol' days" when we were on the go all the time. That applies to me more than it does to Sue. I have found it very hard to adjust to retirement. The call of God still burns deep in my soul. Sometimes I've even found myself afflicted with a severe case of self-pity, especially when I'd begin comparing what I'm doing for God now, with what I used to do. Such was the case a little more than a year ago.

It was the last service of the 2000 Falcon Camp Meeting. I was discouraged and downcast. However, at the close of the service, when we all went to the altar to pray, everything changed. As I poured out my heart to God, He began speaking to me in a way that He had not done for the past several years. The first thing He said to me was, "*You are still my missionary. I have sent you to minister to the part of my church that is living and dying in the nursing homes.*" Having said that, He went on to encourage and strengthen me in this ministry.

I left that service with a new revelation of God and His concern for His church; with a deeper zeal and love for the Nursing Home ministry.

I call upon every pastor, retired minister, licensed minister, mission worker, and every Christian who reads this article to pray for, and do all you can to minister to "the part of God's church that is living and dying in the nursing homes." It is our God-given responsibility!

Yours for the whole Church of God,
Jettie L. Parker

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AWAKENED TO PRAY

"As the sun rises and a new day begins I shall lift my voice and heart in prayer to my savior and glorious king."

Early morning prayer is the breakfast of champions! The triumph of a Christian is based on how he or she begins the day.

In Mark 1:35 we read *"And in the morning long before daylight, He [Jesus] got up and went out to a desert place, and there He prayed."*

Jesus is the champion of the world and the greatest example of a person who prays.

If Jesus needed to start His day with prayer, how much more do we need to begin each day with prayer?

Early morning prayer places us "Under the Shadow of the Almighty" (Psa. 91:1).

Let us look at some of the benefits of early morning prayer:

- As you dedicate your day to God, He can guide you, in order to fulfill His purposes and plans in your life.
- The way you start something has a great effect on the way it ends up.
- Early prayer time with God helps you to stay in communion with Him throughout the day.
- You need a new fresh start, for each day brings with it new challenges, and fresh manna is needed every day.
- The way you set your sail determines the direction your life will go.
- Taking time in the morning to be alone with God and praying empower you to resist the temptations and attacks of the enemy.
- This prayer time sets the order and priority of your day. "First things first."
- As you acknowledge Him and are in His presence, you then possess His glory and fragrance throughout the day.

JESUS KNEW THE POWER OF PRAYER AND HE ACTIVATED IT BY PRAYING.

"So *He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed*" (Luke 6:12).

Not only did Jesus take the time to pray and be alone in the early morning, but he also prayed all night long. In Luke 6:12, 13 the Word tells us, *"Now it came to pass in those days that he went out to the mountain to pray, and continue all night in prayer to God. He then chose twelve whom he named apostles."*

Jesus decided to have an all-night prayer vigil and did it by Himself. As He separated Himself to be with God, this helped Him to be strengthened in the inner man (The Spirit Man). There in His time of prayer, He obtains much wisdom and knowledge from God the Father. He then came down from the mountain having a clear view of what He needed to continue to do and made the decision to choose His apostles.

An all-night time of prayer or so-called "prayer vigil" is a plus in the life of every believer and corporate body, the church. This time of seeking the presence of God blesses, empowers, and enlarges your relationship with God and your spiritual growth. Learning how to stay before God and seeking him is a matter of just doing it. Then you can also sense His love, care, and protection.

TODAY IS THE DAY OF DECISION: SPEND TIME WITH GOD!

Prayer will not only change your life, but it will also leave a glow and countenance on your face where the glory of God is present. People will know you have been with God.

In **Luke 9:28, 29** the Word tells us, ***"Now about eight days after these teachings, Jesus took with Him Peter and John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as He was praying the appearance of His countenance became altered [different] and His raiment became dazzling white [flashing with brilliance of lightning]."***

You and I are to be the light in a darkened world, and as the glory of God is shown forth on our countenance, we are also to show it forth in our deeds. We need to be concerned with others, putting our faith to action in praying, caring, and sharing with others.

SPENDING TIME WITH GOD WILL CHANGE YOUR COUNTENANCE!

"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give you rest [peace]" (Exodus 33:14).

"As you acknowledge the Lord, He will direct your paths" (Prov. 3: 6).

"To wait upon the Lord in a time of prayer will cause your strength to be renewed" (Isa. 40: 31).

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME GOSPEL PRAYER TRUTHS:

- In the realm of the Spirit, early morning prayer is the breakfast of champions!
- Jesus set an example for us to start each day with prayer and also have times of prayer vigils.
- How high the altitude you achieve in life is determined by your attitude.
- Relationships are built on an interchange that is alive, continuous, and flowing.
- You can win over the day's challenges and obstacles in prayer before you start your day.
- Prayer builds insulation in our lives so we aren't demoralized, depressed, or intimidated by what happens around us.
- To give God the first part of your day in prayer is part of the price of spiritual power and authority.
- You will never be shipwrecked in your faith if you spend time in early morning prayer and in the Word.

Let us seek Him as we have never sought Him before. For in His presence there is fullness of life, joy, love, and peace. Seek the Lord, and as you find Him, His glory will cover you all day.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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T.E.A.M (Together Everyone Accomplishes More)

One of the traits of outstanding leaders is that they properly place people within a team. Good leaders have the ability to see their people, sense where they are, and put them in the right place. So why do so many leaders place so many people in so many wrong places?

I've identified five reasons.

1. **Failure to know the requirements needed to make a job successful.**

I'm not talking about the job description, and I'm not talking about how you do a job. I'm talking about what a particular person has to do to be successful. Make a list of those qualities. It could be two or three things; it could be ten. Whatever those things are, you have to go out and find people who have a giftedness to match those qualities so that you put the right people in the right place.

2. **Failure to know the skills and the giftedness of the person.**

Sometimes we know the gifts and skills are required for success in a particular job, but we do a poor job evaluating the giftedness of the person we place in that position. Maybe we know a particular job needs someone who is detail-oriented, but we fail to recognize that the person we're putting in that position breaks out in hives when overwhelmed with details.

3. **Failure to move people when either the job or the person is changing.**

While it's common for people to get promoted out of a job that really fits their skills, it's also possible for them to stay in a position so long that they no longer do it well.

As a leader, you might place someone in a position that is a great match with that person's uniqueness and giftedness, only to look up later and realize that the person's productivity has fallen sharply.

What happened?

Something changed. Maybe the job changed. Maybe the organization changed. Maybe the person changed. Maybe you changed. Maybe everything changed.

I have found many people end up in the wrong place only because they stayed in the right place too long. They were in the right place in the beginning, but the right place becomes the wrong place if the job changes or if the person changes. So the right place can become the wrong place over a matter of time.

4. **Failure to be patient.**

Sometimes the person is in the right place, but he has to grow into it. And not only does he have to grow into it, but he also has to be trained and developed into it. You know he has the giftedness, he has the ability, he has the passion; but he needs time and someone to help him. Smaller organizations often can't afford to hire the best, so they have to hire young people with great potential and then train them.

As you invest in your team, especially if you have players in the right place, the team is going to compound in a very positive way for you. Of course, if you don't have the right players in the right place, time isn't going to do it.

5. **Failure to prepare.**

Many times we haven't done enough front-end homework as leaders, so we aren't prepared to place people where they can grow and can blossom.

When we consistently fail to place people in the right place within the team, several things inevitably infect our team like an angry parasite. Morale suffers as people lose their willingness to play as a team, and confidence erodes. As a result, potential goes unrealized, progress is hindered, and our competitors benefit.

On the other hand, organizations do best when the people within them are carefully put in the right places. People are encouraged and fulfilled, growth is ensured, teamwork is increased, and victories are secured. And, for leaders, there is a huge reward in seeing your players in the right place, doing the right thing for the right reasons.

Up & Coming Events
N.C. Conference CEM Dept.

The Gathering

December 30, 2001 – Falcon, NC – Speaker: Wiley Hughes, NC Conference Youth Pastor
March 24, 2002 – Locations and Speakers to be announced. (Please note this March date is a week early.)

Fire & Ice

January 24-27, 2002
Park Vista Resort & Hotel
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

National Youth Pastors' Retreat

February 22-24, 2002

Falcon Youth Camps 2002

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Junior Week begins June 23, 2002
Primary Week begins June 30, 2002

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATE

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Christmas is Love In Action

The summation of all that Christmas is and was ever hoped to be is found in the word *love*. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Here is the ultimate expression of love. A loving heavenly Father, Sovereign God if you please, sending His own son, to redeem and bring back those lost from the family. It is love not in word alone, but in action.

In the Gospels the authors often described people as those Jesus loved. When Jesus encountered the rich young ruler, He looked at him and loved him. Another staff member describes a scene in which Jesus went to Lazarus, the man He loved. John the disciple was described as someone Jesus loved. In His final message Jesus declared that He loved his staff as much as His own Father loved Him and that He came to show the people how to love one another. Jesus ultimately summarized His teaching in one sentence: "Love God with all your heart and mind and soul and strength, and your neighbor as yourself." Jesus led people, because, quite simply, He loved them.

As each one walks out life through the Christmas season, he should remember to love. Christmas is God's love in action. It has always been His desire that His children love. "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Paul in a page of his great personal policy manual (I Corinthians 13) reminds of the importance of love. His desire was to be patient and kind...never envious or boastful or rude. His vow was not to seek his own way nor to be easily provoked. He rejoiced in the truth and always sought out the best in others. He hoped for all things, believed in all things, bore all things, and endured all things. His vehicle for all this activity was love. Recessions may come and go; economics and market conditions may rise and fall, but love will never fail, for love is a guiding light, and ultimately love knows all.

The Christmas season is the greatest opportunity to show love. There are some facts about Christian love that need to be remembered. First, love is the key to a fulfilled life. When all else fails, when other seemingly important things are gone...what remains and what ultimately affects lives...is love. Love – receiving it and giving it – is the secret to unlocking and experiencing life at its very fullest.

Love can be learned. The Apostle Paul assumed love could be learned when he encouraged the Thessalonians to "...make your love increase and overflow, for each other and for everyone else..." (I Thess. 3:12). An individual's and church's love-ability can be improved...and should be!

Christ wants us to love! Jesus instructed His followers again and again..."Love one another"; "Love your neighbor as yourself"; "Love your enemies"; Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends"; "My command is this: love each other as I have loved you...you are my friends if you do what I command...this is my command: love each other." Later, Christ said that all the law and the prophets can be put simply into two commandments: first, to love God with all your heart; and second, to love your neighbor as yourself.

The source of all love is God. God is love! As people are directly in touch with the Author and Creator of love, they are enabled.. empowered...to be more effective in loving. This link with the source becomes the extra "plus" for practicing the power of love. Love is a fruit of the Spirit which comes from the very essence of our creator. God has given each believer the Holy Spirit to fill his heart with love.

What better time to practice Christian love in action than Christmas?

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CHURCH NEWS

David Richard "Rick" Hurst

It was my pleasure to assist Pastor Frankie Elliott, Roanoke Rapids First, in the funeral of Rev. Rick Hurst on Wednesday, October 24, at 2:00 p.m. It was a powerful funeral. Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell spoke powerful words of Rick's witness as a teenager and young man. Rev. Joe Arthur, Overseas Ministry Coordinator of Africa, spoke of Brother Hurst's work in mission. Dr. A. D. Beacham, Jr., Executive Director of Christian Education Ministries, spoke at the graveside of Rick's friendship and presented the Pentecostal Holiness Minister's Medallion to Rick's mother, Mrs. Pat Parnell. Rev. Hans Hess closed the service with prayer. Rev. Hess is the pastor of the new church, Genesis Ministries, in Herndon, Virginia. Rick was an advisor to the church.

The funeral attendance was excellent. The church was full. Ministers were present from Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. It was a powerful service for a special man of God. We will miss our brother's smile, his creativity, and commitment to the Lord's work.

Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

As long as anyone can remember, David Richard "Rick" Hurst was a man of convictions. Brother Hurst died on Saturday, October 20, from a blood clot to the heart, evidently formed from a previous surgery. He was 46.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Hurst Parnell, and her husband, Elery, of Roanoke Rapids; his brothers, Dennis Parnell, and his wife, Cheri, of Roanoke Rapids, Steve Parnell and his wife, Regina, of Kinston, and Benjie Parnell of Roanoke Rapids; and his sisters, Windy Hurst Elliott and her husband, Tom, of Roanoke Rapids, and Marty Hurst of Raleigh.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 24 at the Roanoke Rapids First Pentecostal Holiness Church. In addition, memorial services were held in Oklahoma City and Washington, D.C.

At the time of his death, Rick was the assistant director for the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control. He has worked at this position since 1994. The Wisconsin Project is a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., with the purpose of stopping the spread of nuclear weapons.

During the past two years, he visited 10 countries in the former Soviet bloc to help their governments counteract nuclear and missile smuggling.

Rick became a minister in the North Carolina Conference in 1989. In 1973-1974, he served two years as a SOW (Short-Term Overseas Worker) in Africa and England. In 1975, he worked with Lifeliners International Director Jim Eby in coordinating the SAM Program (Summer Action Ministry). In 1980, he was appointed as the part-time superintendent of the work in Haiti. He served as a liaison between World Missions and the people of Haiti and traveled in Haiti every three months to work with them.

In 1979-1982, Brother Hurst worked half time for the denomination Video Department and half time for World Missions. He directed the WIN, SOW, and LOVE programs of World Missions. He was creative in producing videos and promotional materials.

In 1982-1988, Rev. Hurst moved to Israel, where he studied Hebrew. In May 1983, he opened a Christian Coffee House in Jerusalem – the first coffee house ministry for World Missions. He birthed the idea of the "Mug-A-Month" program to help pay the costs of the coffee house. His efforts in Israel produced a prayer intercessory group and Bible study.

In 1989-1992, Brother Rick Hurst became the administrative assistant to Bishop B. E. Underwood. He served with distinction in this position.

Rick Hurst was my friend and the friend of everyone he met. His influence was amazing. Like John of the New Testament, he was sent from God. Like Enoch of the Old Testament, Rick walked with God and was not because God took him.

Our present Bishop James D. Leggett spoke these words to the GBA, "The IPHC has lost a great servant of the Lord who was a tremendous blessing to its worldwide ministry. Rick's deep spirituality, his creativity, his visitation, and his prayer life impacted ministries and individuals in the church and beyond."

Well done, my brother!

Pastor/Teacher Merrill Davis

Soul Survivor: How My Faith Survived the Church by Philip Yancey. New York: Doubleday Publishing, 2001, 319 pages.

With extraordinary candor and transparency, Yancey reveals the difficult personal experiences he has had through the years with the established church and the damaging effects of religion that brought disillusionment and confusion into his early life, and admits that for a period of time, he rejected the church and God altogether. Legalism, racism, and hypocrisy became telltale signs of the institutional church, creating for him a life-constricting rather than a life-enhancing faith.

Soul Survivor presents Yancey's explanation of how thirteen individuals such as G.K. Chesterton, John Donne, Henri Nouwen, Frederick Buechner, and Annie Dillard transformed his thinking and rescued him from the nega-

tive, polarizing influences of the Church, making him one of the great advocates of the Church today. In addition to telling how these mentors influenced his life, buoyed now by grace, he provides a glimpse into the remarkable lives of this "baker's dozen." Yancey stated, "These are the people who ushered me into the Kingdom. In many ways they are why I remain a Christian today, and I want to introduce them to other spiritual seekers." At the end of each chapter, the author offers sources of biographical information and a list of books by the mentor.

The choice of mentors seems to be an odd assortment of individuals that leaves the reader wondering why other great and godly men and women were not chosen. For example, Tolstoy, a nineteenth-century Russian novelist, "never allowed the gospel to bring comfort to his own life," dying without Christ as his Savior. Mahatma Gandhi openly admitted that he primarily rejected Christian theology because of Christians. Do we have anything to learn from such men who rejected our faith? According to Yancey, the answer is "yes."

While it is easy to question the route the author takes in forming his opinions and beliefs from some of his fellow travelers, his conclusions are sound and helpful to any Christian or sincere seeker.

Soul Survivor is well written and demands attention not only from pastors and church leaders, but also from others who seek spiritual reality and long for a genuine, lasting lifeline in direct communion with God.

The Power of Team Leadership: Finding Strength in Shared Responsibility by George Barna, 2001. Colorado Springs, Colorado: WaterBrook Press, 216 pages.

Maximum effectiveness. Such a high ideal should draw attention from anyone who cares about Christian ministry. Who doesn't want to be effective in ministry to the "max"? Following on the heels of *The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork*, by John Maxwell, *The Power of Team Leadership* serves as a good companion with additional information about recruiting, training, and deploying lay-leadership teams. Every pastor ought to read both books. Maxwell teaches the leader the fundamental principles of teamwork and empowering your team, while Barna presents supporting evidence based on the latest statistics about the various components of ministry and proving that team leadership can increase effectiveness in any church or parachurch ministry.

For years, some churches have been plagued with the notion of the "sole practitioner," where the pastor, usually along with his wife does much of the work of the church. The people pay the man a salary and usually provide him a roof over his head so he can knock himself out doing ministry. There is only one problem with this notion. It is unbiblical.

God has graciously given every believer spiritual gifts and abilities to serve the local church in a God-given capacity. The purpose of everyone's doing ministry is to make the strengths of every person effective and his or her weaknesses irrelevant because there are others in the congregation who have the strengths to compensate for those weaknesses. The pastor equips the saints to enable them to do the work of the ministry that God has called them to do. The laity become a vital, integral part of the success of the ministry. Everyone contributes, and everyone wins. Therefore, maximum effectiveness in Christian ministry cannot occur apart from team leadership.

Barna takes the idea of team ministry to a higher level. Not only do the laity perform ministry by using their spiritual gifts, but he advocates that God places special people in the local Church to be a part of team leadership.

Let me explain. The pastor in a "sole practitioner" role cannot possibly do all that needs to be done in the local church, and as the "solo leader," he cannot make all the decisions that need to be made. Team leadership shares the responsibility for decision making. It becomes a collaborative effort. Lay leadership gains ownership of the vision, the mission, and the ministries of the church. Ownership of the vision, mission, and ministries of the church motivates laity to accomplish the aims of the church. The pastor alone cannot make the vision happen.

Barna stated, "The longer we deny the benefits of team leadership, the less likely it is that we will experience the power of God in the church, in society, or in our personal efforts. There is only one ministry superstar: Jesus Christ." The value of team ministry is not some new, novel idea. Jesus chose twelve men for His ministry team. From the twelve, the Church began to grow. The Apostle Paul constantly gave credit in his letters to the people who labored with him as being valuable members of his team.

The task of every pastor is to turn his people from consumers to contributors, from those who receive ministry to those who give ministry. Of course, those who give ministry cannot give unless they receive, but their drive to serve God is more doing, not consuming.

Be encouraged to purchase this publication. Happy reading! MLD

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Superannuated Birthdays for December

Rev. Norman Butts ..... December 13

Rev. Wiley Clark ..... December 15

Rev. Raymond Potter ..... December 18

Rev. Richard Parson ..... December 24

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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 20, 2002

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"WOMEN DESIGNED BY GOD FOR MISSION 21"

Lines From Linda

Here it is December again, and our minds are filling with Christmas ideas. The mailbox is loaded with catalogs and sales papers prompting us to get started with our shopping. Santa is already smiling from the screen of the television. We've had the family picture done for our Christmas card. Plans are underway for the annual Christmas program at church. Yes, 'tis the season to be jolly...yet an overwhelming feeling covers my spirit when I think of all those whose Christmas will never be the same again.

In the aftermath of the Attack on America, we realize that thousands of families are still mourning the tragic and unexpected loss of their loved ones. Those who left home that morning, just as they had day in and day out before, to go to work...but never returned. Those who so innocently and instantly were victims of the distorted minds and plots of terrorists. The mass loss of life has made an impact on us all.

At the same time, I think of others here in my own neighborhood who will go through this Christmas season with heavy hearts. In the past two weeks, we have had three funerals: a nationally certified teacher, a wife and mother of three, died from cancer; a middle-aged farmer and loving family man succumbed to cancer; another middle-aged man accidentally killed by a passing automobile. The three of these were in the prime season of life. Christmas will not be the same for their families this year.

In last month's "Lines From Linda," I referred to Thad Lilly, a long-time friend who served in World War II and was on duty at Pearl Harbor during the attack there. Before that edition of *Evangel* arrived in our mail, Thad had a heart attack and passed away. His wife, Bertie, and their son and daughter-in-law, as well as the rest of his family and friends, will miss Thad this Christmas.

My father passed on Christmas Day 1980, so I guess it is only natural that I think about the impact that the loss of a loved one has at this season of the year.

But...in spite of all the losses, life must go on. And so it does! Just yesterday I read an article in the paper about a widow of one of the September 11 victims who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy a few days ago. This little boy will bear his father's name and carry on the family blood line. I know that mother has many mixed emotions with which to cope. The pendulum swings from the sorrow of death to the joy of new life and all that is between the two. Perhaps we could give her the gift of our prayers during this holiday season.

Yes, life goes on. I only have to look at our three grandchildren to realize that. Sarah, Matt, and Shelby are special gifts in our family who brighten our lives, not just on Christmas Day, but every day. Although I still miss Moma and Daddy very much, God has blessed us with these extensions of them through our grandchildren.

Even in the greatest losses of life, God brings gifts to sustain us. It all started over 2000 years ago in a little village called Bethlehem. Our loving Father sent His Son Jesus to the world. He brought us a better way of life. When Jesus went back to His Father, He left us the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit to comfort us and give us power to live in victory. This Christmas season, let us share this message with those who mourn. This glorious Gift can overcome the spirit of mourning and bring joy to our hearts even in the midst of sorrow.

May God bless us all with the joy of the Lord during this season.

Feast of Ingathering Offerings...

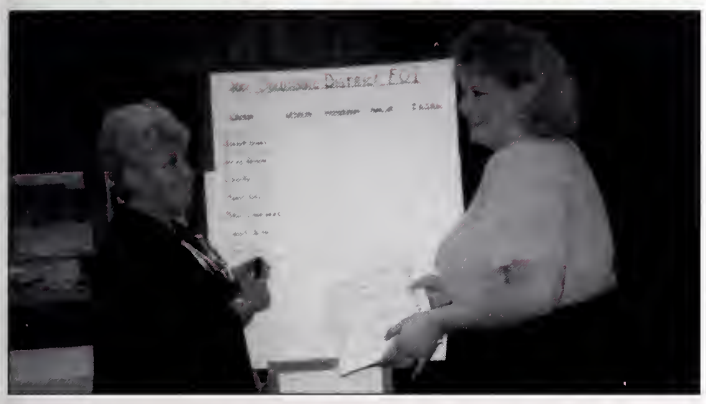
Congratulations on the best Feast of Ingathering offering ever! During the fall round of district conferences, NCWM Director Linda Thomas collected $86,620.20. Those funds were designated as follows: Emmanuel College – $65,526.70; Holmes Bible College $15,913.50; Southwestern College of Christian Ministries -$4,160.00; and Pacific Coast Bible College – $1,020.00.

Mrs. Thomas used a unique method to obtain 100% representation of every church in the conference. During the WM Workshops, funds were collected from WM representatives present. At the close of the workshops, which were being held in the sanctuary by Superintendent Thompson, Mrs. Thomas made an appeal for donations from those attending from churches that had not made a donation during the WM Workshop. If there were churches from which no one was in attendance, she asked for volunteers to adopt those churches. As a result of this strategy, every church in the North Carolina Conference had a donation recorded beside the church name on her posters.

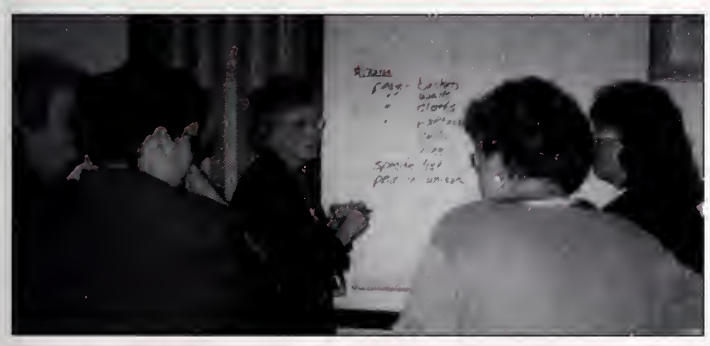
On October 5, Mrs. Thomas presented the offering to Emmanuel College. North Carolina Conference gave the largest contribution to their Feast of Ingathering. On October 12, Mrs. Thomas, Phyllis Harrell, Patsy Deese and Janice Marshburn attended the Holmes Bible College Ladies Ingathering Luncheon and presented the offering to Mrs. Maxine Waters, wife of President Richard Waters. On October 25, Mrs. Thomas was in Oklahoma City for an IPHC General Women's Ministries Board meeting and also attended the Southwestern College of Christian Ministries Feast of Ingathering Banquet, where she presented gifts from the North Carolina Conference. The gift for Pacific Coast was mailed to them.

Thank you for contributing to the ministry of our church-supported colleges. In doing so, you are making an investment in the lives of young people who will continue to carry the gospel message to the world.

NCWM Director Linda Thomas presents Feast of Ingathering check from North Carolina Conference to Mrs. Maxine Waters at Holmes Bible College luncheon.



Linda records offerings received for Feast of Ingathering at the Goldsboro District WM Workshop. She is assisted by Jessi Mitchell.



Mrs. Jackie Jones records as a group of Clinton District ladies brainstorm ideas at the fall district conference WM Workshop.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE...

This Christmas season is a good time for Candlelight Talk. Sit with your family in a darkened room. Talk about the disadvantages and problems of living in the dark. As a grownup lights a candle, explain that God sent Jesus to be the "Light of the World." Ask, "What difference does the light of this candle make in our room?" Discuss. Then talk about the difference knowing Jesus makes in our lives. Discuss how each family member is a "light" and how he/she lets it shine. Close with prayer time, thanking God for sending Jesus to bring light to the world.

The glory of Jesus
is the light of Christmas . . .
His presence its joy . . .
His life its beauty!

CHRISTMAS TIPS...

NEED A WRAPPING PLACE? Try your ironing board. It's just the perfect height and holds everything you need. Put scissors, tape, gift tags, pens, bows, and ribbons in a box on the narrow end. Wrap the presents on the wider end and put a wastebasket underneath.

CANDLE WAX ON A TABLECLOTH? Harden wax with ice-wrapped plastic and scrape off with a dull knife. Put stained area between several clean white paper towels, and place a brown paper bag over towels. Press with a warm iron. Replace towels as they absorb wax residue. Sponge any stain with dry-cleaning fluid. Dry and launder.

HOLIDAY WRAPPING PAPER TOO EXPENSIVE? Buy inexpensive solid-color wrapping paper. Cut an apple in half from side to side (not top to bottom). Inside you'll find a perfect Star of Bethlehem. Dip the apple in red food coloring mixed with liquid starch and stamp it on paper and gift cards. Tie with a piece of green yarn or ribbon, and you'll have a beautifully wrapped gift.

A HOLIDAY RECIPE...

St. Nicholas Squares

1 stick unsalted butter or margarine
1½ cups finely crushed cinnamon-crisp graham cracker crumbs
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
1 cup (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1½ cups sweetened flaked coconut
¾ cup unsalted Brazil nuts (chopped)
¾ cup unsalted cashew nuts (chopped)
½ cup semi-sweet chocolate Hershey's Holiday Bits

1. Heat oven to 350. Line 13 x 9 inch baking pan with foil, letting foil extend 2 inches above pan at both ends.
2. Put butter in lined pan. Place in oven 3 to 5 minutes until melted. Tilt to coat bottom.
3. Sprinkle cracker crumbs evenly over butter. Pour condensed milk evenly over crumbs. Top with chips, coconut, nuts, and baking bits. Press down gently.
4. Bake 25 to 30 minutes until edges are lightly browned. Cool in pan on wire rack.
5. Lift foil by ends onto cutting board. Cut slab in squares; remove from foil.

Storage Tip: Store airtight at cool room temperature up to 2 weeks or freeze up to 3 months.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

NCWM Leadership Seminar is scheduled for January 26, 2002, at Mount Carmel Pentecostal Holiness Church in Fayetteville, NC. Details will be mailed to each local WM director. This training session is for local WM councils.

NCWM Retreat will be in New Bern, NC, on April 12 and 13, 2002, at Riverfront Convention Center. Headquarters hotel is Sheraton Hotel. Debbie Morris, a featured speaker for Women of Faith Conferences, will be our guest speaker. Ask your local WM director for details.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Partners In Ministry

Ronnie Basden, Men's Ministries Director

The Fall Advance Revisited

As we close the year, revisit one event the Men's Ministries had and the challenge for us in 2002.

"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Philippians 2:2). *This Scripture was the foundation for this year's* ***Fall Advance*** *theme, "****Men Moving in One Accord****."*

Even as I write this article, I am still so excited about what we experienced! Our Advance kicked off on Friday morning on a lighthearted note at the golf tournament. Fifty-nine men came together to fellowship and have fun! It was a great day for enjoying golf and one another, and I think all the men who participated had a wonderful time.

Later Friday night, we gathered at Falcon, NC, for our evening service. After a moving time of praise and worship, the Royal Rangers performed a stirring Color Guard ceremony. Then André Davenport presented a brief overview of the ***Royal Rangers ministry****. He concluded by allowing two young men, Travis Davis and Matthew Walston, to share their touching testimonies of what Royal Rangers has meant to them.*

Afterwards, North Carolina Conference Superintendent Chris Thompson ***welcomed the men,*** *and Jack Kelley gave a quick update on* ***Men's Ministries nationwide****. Then we settled back to hear a* ***Holy Ghost-inspired message*** *from Evangelist Jimmy Forehand. God's presence was felt in a powerful way during this service. Men were moved, touched, and some were even blessed with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit!*

*Saturday morning started off with a rousing "****Stand Too****," led by Jim Dietderich, followed by a delicious bacon and egg breakfast! When everyone had finished eating, Bob Lowery briefly stressed the importance of having a good* ***Men's Ministry meeting*** *on a regular basis. James Mabe gave a short address on how an effective* ***Usher and Greeter ministry*** *aids the local church. Paul Rigsby then took a few minutes to explain the benefits of a* ***Pastor's Prayer Partners ministry****.*

*Guest speaker Brian Rogers took the podium and delivered a captivating message about men moving together "****In One Accord****"...in unity. After receiving Brian's word to us from the Lord, we entered into a time of praise and worship. The Spirit of God was moving mightily in our midst!*

*Our final special speaker, Noah Barefoot, Jr., delivered an anointed message about "****What the devil has stolen from God's people****." In conclusion, Noah invited the men to step forward and take back what the devil had taken from them. Men began to call upon God! The presence of the Spirit was strong! Men were praying, weeping, and seeking God's face. All I can say is that if you were not there, you missed an incredible opportunity to be blessed! I think every man who attended was touched by God's presence. I can honestly say that when we left Saturday afternoon after a great lunch, we were not only walking closer with God, but we were moving together "****In One Accord****!"*

God bless you, and I can't wait until next year. Plan now to join us there and be blessed!

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Building His Church...By Discipling Men

January 2002

Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 01 (S M T W T F S)		1	2	3	4 First Friday Fast	5
6	7	8	9	10 Superintendent SAC Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 ICS@Falcon
20 Sanctity of Human Life	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 Conference Board Meeting Evangelism Appreciation	23	24 Evangelism Appreciation	25	26 W.M. Leadership Seminar
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New Bern / Morehead MPM

School of Evangelism - Columbia, SC

National Council RR @ Ridgecrest

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Missions Meals

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February 2002

Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January (S M T W T F S)			March (S M T W T F S)		1 First Friday Fast	2
3	4	5	6	7 C.E. Board Meeting	8 Talent Quest Registration Deadline	9 Reconciliation (Jail) Training
10 True Love Waits Day	11	12 Evangelism Board Meeting	13 Hispanic Credentials Meeting	14 Conference Board Meeting	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28		

Hispanic Training Falcon

Missions Meals

Raleigh / Wilson MPM

Minister & Spouse Retreat - Myrtle Beach

National Youth Pastors' Retreat

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March 2002

Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday Fast CEM Day of Training	2
3 Faith Commitment	4 RR Conf/Dist Staff Mtg Wilson District Conference Honor C.E. Workers Week	5 Greenville District Conference	6 Cross-Cultural Committee Meeting	7 Fayetteville District Conference	8 Ranger of the Year @ Falcon	9
10 W.M. Day	11 Lumberton District Conference	12 Morehead City District Conference	13	14 New Ministers Training (Requirement)	15 Lumberton Rocky Mount District Talent	16 Fayetteville Goldsboro Wilson
17 District Evangelism Rally Rocky Mount (Trinity) Greenville (Greenville 1st) Emmanuel College Board	18	19 Clinton District Conference	20	21 Williamston District Talent District Talent	22 Raleigh District Talent Church Planter Mtg @ Falcon	23 Clinton / New Bern / Greenville / Wilmington / Morehead Talent
24 Lumberton Dist Evangelism Rally (Mt. Olive, Pembroke)	25 Goldsboro District Conference	26 Conference Board Meeting Rocky Mount / Williamston MPM	27	28 Williamston District Conference	29	30 Men's Resurrection Breakfast
31 EASTER CEM Easter Offering						

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April 2002

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	1 Rocky Mount District Conference National Youth Emphasis Week	2 Raleigh District Conference	3	4	5 First Friday Fast SA/B &Std. LTC@Falcon	6
7 Fayetteville Dist Evangelism Rally The Gathering SA/B &Std. L...	8 Happy Hearts New Bern District Conference	9 Evangelism Board & Missions Committee Meeting	10	11	12 N.C.W.M. Annual Retreat	13
14 Goldsboro Dist Evangelism Rally (Tabernacle)	15 Happy Hearts Wilmington District Conference	16 Lumberton / Wilmington MPM	17	18 Conference Board Meeting	19 New R.R. Training - Greensboro	20 Jr. &Teen Conference Talent - Music Creative Arts Creative Writing
21 Wilson Dist Evangelism Rally	22 Happy Hearts Conference Pastors' School	23 MWF Meeting	24	25	26	27 Jr. &Teen Conference Talent - Drama and Video
28 Morehead Dist Evangelism Rally Wilmington Dist Evangelism Rally (Wallace)	29	30				

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May 2002

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			1	2	3 First Friday Fast	4 W.M. Directors' Council Meeting
5	6	7 C.E. Board Meeting	8	9 Quadrennial Conference Committee Meetings	10	11 Emmanuel Graduation
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13	14	15 Hispanic Credentials Meeting	16 Conference Board Meeting	17	18 WIN Conference
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26	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	28	29	30	31	

Hispanic Training

Goldsboro / Greenville MPM

Superannuate Ministers' Retreat

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June 2002

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Conf SA/B Field Day @ Falcon Girls' Ministry Retreat
2	3	4	5	6 1st Year	7 First Friday Fast Ordination	8 W.M. Convention
9 Laymen's Sunday	10 RR Conf/ District Staff Mtg	11	12	13	14	15
16 FATHER'S DAY	17	18 Conference Board Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 AJTC / JLTC@Falcon	26	27	28	29
30 The Gathering						

Clinton / Fayetteville MPM

Examining Committee

Youth Camp - Teen

Youth Camp - Junior

Youth Camp ...

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July 2002

Conference Calendar

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	1	2	3	4 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 First Friday Fast	6
	Youth Camp - Primary					
7 "GO" Offering Sunday	8	9 Evangelism Board Meeting	10 Hispanic Credentials Committee Meeting	11 Conference Board Meeting	12	13
		New Bern / Morehead City MPM				
Conference Missions Quest						
14 Alternate "GO" Offering Sunday	15	16	17	18	19 MWF Meeting	20
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August 2002

Conference Calendar

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					Hispanic Training	
4	5	6 C. E. Board Meeting	7	8 Superintendent SAC Meeting	9	10
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1	2 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	3 Wilmington District Conference	4	5 Cross-Cultural Committee Williamston District Conference	6 First Friday Fast Fresh Fire	7
8 Fresh Fire	9 Rocky Mount District Conference	10 New Bern District Conference	11	12 Raleigh District Conference	13 POW WOW	14
15 POW WOW	16 Fayetteville District Conference	17 Evangelism Board Meeting Morehead City District Conference	18	19	20 NC Men's Ministry Retreat	21
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		1 Lumberton District Conference	2	3 CEM Workshop	4 Emmanuel Feast of Ingathering First Friday Fast	5
6 Pastor Appreciation Day Emmanuel College Board	7 Conf/District RR Staff Mtg	8 Rocky Mount / Williamston MPM	9	10 Conference Board Meeting CEM Workshop Seniors' Retreat	11 Holmes Bible Ingathering	12
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20	21 Happy Hearts	22 C.E. Board Meeting	23	24 Associate Pastors' Training	25 Girls' Ministry LTC	26
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17	18	19 Conference Board Meeting Goldsboro / Greenville MPM	20	21	22	23
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December 2002

Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Evangelists' Sunday	2	3 Superannuate Ministers' Luncheon	4	5	6 First Friday Fast	7 Conf/Dist RR Staff Mtg Falcon 9:00 AM
8	9	10 Conference Boards' Party	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Conference Board Meeting	20	21
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O Come, All Ye Faithful

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we are reminded that as He came to dwell among man, you and I now have the privilege to abide and dwell in His presence. A songwriter once wrote "O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant / O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem / Come and behold Him born the King of angels / O come, let us adore Him...Christ, the Lord."

What an awesome privilege we have as believers of the fullness of Christ to dwell in us, in the person of the Holy Spirit. We can now come and adore Him at any time. The access to the throne room of God, that Holy of Holies, has been opened for us by the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

We have been given a special access and an invitation by God the Father: "O come, all ye faithful." Our coming to Him was made possible by the faith we have in the shed blood of Jesus. The blood has made us righteous in the sight of God.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, let us be reminded how on that blessed day the process of the access to the throne room of God began. If Jesus had not come to us as a baby born in Bethlehem, we would not and could not have the privilege of prayer and nearness with God.

O come, let us adore Him. For the birth and death of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ have brought us to the throne room of grace, blessing, and most of all, abiding in His presence. Prayer is a privilege that has been given to us by God. We shall and must use this privilege every day in order to have intimacy and fellowship with our Savior and Lord.

Christmas is a great reminder of the day God took action in the plan to redeem man back to Himself. Christmas reminds you and me that God loves us so much that He never wants us to be far away from Him.

"Come, all ye faithful; let's fulfill our mission with God."

The mission of the church is the Great Commission, yet in order to fulfill this commission of winning souls into the kingdom, we must first be a people of prayer, acknowledging that only through prayer all is wrought and brought forth, first in the realm of the spirit and then manifested and seen in the natural realm. Our mission is clear! As part of the body of Christ, we must increase in our awareness, knowledge, and need of a more dedicated life of prayer.

As we seek to be a more devoted people in our time of intimacy and prayer. Our heavenly Father will continue to share with us His heart, His blessings, purposes, plans, revelations, power, strength, joy, peace, and rest. Therefore, as we form part of this living organism of prayer, we become a more radiant and glorious church.

As the body of Christ, may we continue to obey the God-given command to pray: "Pray without ceasing."

May we expand and enlarge our individual and corporate times of prayer.

May we help to increase a greater love and commitment for prayer and a prayer life.

May we be vessels used by God to direct the body of Christ that hunger and thirst for more of Him though the avenues of praise, prayer, and reading of His word.

Acknowledging that what will satisfy the spirit, soul, and body is our relationship with God and the times spent in His presence.

So as we celebrate the birth of our King, let us celebrate it at His throne and in His presence, and experience His glory.

Beloved, let us celebrate this wonderful season with our hearts bowed at his presence.

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come / Let earth receive her King / Let every heart prepare Him room / And heaven and nature sing..." (Isaac Watts)

May this season be a reminder that God loves you and wants to spend time with you.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

As we approach the end of 2001, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving when we begin to take account of the abundant blessings of God. Both in Missions and Evangelism Ministries, God has wonderfully blessed the North Carolina Conference. By the end of this year, we will have seen the start-up or organization of nine churches: Chapel of Hope Hispanic, Smithfield Hispanic, Oriental Hispanic, Robersonville Hispanic Organization, Christ Cathedral of Praise, Word of God Hispanic, Prince of Peace Hispanic, Divine Manifestation Hispanic, Harrells Hispanic. The testimonies have been numerous of how the Holy Spirit is being poured out on established congregations and how they are being revitalized. Worship attendance, systematic Bible study, and membership barriers are being broken. I believe the people of the North Carolina Conference are realizing with a sense of urgency that the harvest (His harvest) is plenteous and ready to be reaped. This has been a year filled with events, both joyous and extraordinarily sad, like no other, and these events give us great opportunities to expand in eastern North Carolina. One thrust that you will hear more about is "Reach 3, Plant 3": the challenge for individual believers to reach three people for Christ and for churches to plant three churches – one like themselves, an ethnic or multiethnic, and a transnational church. As we look to plant churches in North Carolina, the Church Planters' Fellowship becomes more important. Individuals/churches can become part of this great fellowship by committing on a yearly basis to pray for the establishment of new churches and to give $10 a month ($120 year). This is a tremendous minimal investment that has eternal benefits. I urge pastors to challenge your people, your leadership to become a part of the Church Planters' Fellowship. I pray that God will continue to mobilize the churches of this conference to reap the harvest because this is no time to rest. World Evangelization, the commission and purpose of God which of course covers eastern North Carolina, is our challenge; and though we thank our God for what He has done, world evangelization is not completed by any means. A vital prayer request in church planting continues to be for God-called church planters. I am convinced that this is a call from God and requires certain definite gifts. In our Hispanic churches this is not a problem, as there are a number of ministers being raised up to plant churches. However, in the Anglo community this is a concern. Join me in prayer that in the Anglo churches God will call and raise up men and women who have the vision and burden to plant churches. The opportunities and potential are awesome. By the time you read this article, we will have already had our twelve district and Hispanic Christmas parties. For organizing and putting these celebrations together and for numerous other tasks they perform throughout the year to make Evangelism ministries a success, I want to thank our twelve district directors and the unit men who work with them. Many important functions of Evangelism/Missions ministries would not operate or be successful without these district units. I also want to thank Mrs. Joyce Swinson, secretary for Evangelism/Missions, for the great job she performs. I appreciate the work she does to make this ministry successful. I want to thank Rev. John Parker, our Hispanic Coordinator. John Parker is a godsend, who is blessing the North Carolina Conference in leading Hispanic ministries. Without his dedication and commitment to this great opportunity for the North Carolina Conference, it would not be where it is today. I want to thank our conference superintendent, Rev. Chris Thompson, for the support he gives this ministry, and the North Carolina Conference for finances rendered to enable Evangelism ministry to accomplish our tasks and goals. This is a glorious season of thanksgiving and celebration for the goodness of God.

As in Evangelism, there is much to praise God for in Missions ministry. The people of the North Carolina Conference have responded tremendously in missions this year. In monthly giving, in giving to People to People, Mug-a-Month, Global Outreach, Disaster Relief, etc., you have been faithful and generous. God has blessed us with our fourth missions home, the Johnny Brooks home, and we are extremely proud of and give God the glory for each of these accommodations. The missions meals in January and February were great successes with record attendance; the GO offering received in July again another record; the missions FESTS just completed again another tremendous suc-

cess; more People to People children are being supported than ever, and that number will keep rising; and Mug-a-Month is at an all-time high, and I am confident that it too will keep rising. As I said in each of our district conferences in the spring and fall, God is up to something in this conference, and we've only scratched the surface. Brothers and sisters, as we focus on 2002 and the prospects and horizons of Evangelism/Missions, we are with every pledge and contribution of time, talent, skill, or money making an investment in eternity. Thank you for your monthly giving, GO giving, People to People, Mug-a-Month, etc. Thank you for answering the challenge in fall district conferences – we raised enough money in change to support two children for a year – and for answering the challenge in the three Missions FESTS – we raised $1000 to send two students to West Africa Bible College for two years. God is gracious and good; to Him we give praise, and to you I say thank you!

I want to thank you for supporting and praying for me as this year has been and continues to be a learning experience in Evangelism/Missions. I am excited at seeing what God is doing and promises to do in the days to come. God is challenging us with more missions opportunities worldwide, and we must rise to the challenge and invest in the kingdom. The benefits are phenomenal; we've only scratched the surface.

I have so much to be thankful for; I praise God for who He is, for the abundance of His grace, for salvation rich and free, for my wonderful wife Rose, for two great children, Nicole and James, for my new son-in-law John, my family members, for the call on my life, for the fellowship of believers, for a godly father and mother who are now in His presence, for a Holiness/Pentecostal heritage, and I could go on...Suffice it to say, in everything give thanks.

And now, from Rose and me, from Evangelism/World Missions Ministries, to all of you I want to say, Merry Christmas, a Christ-filled Christmas, and a happy New Year! What a great season of the year as we celebrate Christmas, the birth of the Messiah. From thanksgiving to celebration, what a joyous season. Before we spend time to identify goals and aspirations for 2002, we need to spend appropriate time to give thanks for His bounty and celebrate the coming, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Again, Merry Christmas!

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Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Finding the Balance During This Busy Season

Luke 10:38-42

"I'm just too busy. There isn't enough time!" These oft-repeated phrases betray the lack of balance and symmetry in our lives. Some of you are probably close to exhaustion! You may feel that your life is like a juggler's plate trick – the plates are spinning, balanced atop the sticks, but you are constantly running to make sure they keep spinning, or else they will crash.

This passage tells how Jesus visited the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus to enjoy a good meal and their company. What Jesus found in that home is similar to what happens in our own. The account of Jesus' visit teaches a basic lesson in life: We need to keep our lives in proper balance. There are three dimensions of life to be balanced, and all have to do with our use of time.

1. *Making time for Christ.* Martha wanted dinner to be a culinary delight, and she was working hard to achieve it. Martha wanted each dish ready on time and was feeling pressured. The "quiet dinner" was becoming a source of tension. Meanwhile, Mary sat quietly, listening to Jesus. His words brought her inner peace and deepened her understanding. What a contrast: Martha, pulled to pieces, with a riot going on inside, and Mary, calm and at ease. The difference? Mary made time for Christ. Time spent with Jesus is a priceless investment. It is not a luxury; it is a necessity. When we take time to be with Christ each day, what we gain in those moments is lasting; it can never be taken from us (v. 42). The relationship we build with Christ equips us to face the day, calm and unafraid. For those of us whose lives seem dominated by the second hand, is there daily time for the Lord Jesus? There had better be – or we'll be way off balance.
2. *Spending time at work.* God intended that man should work; it is one way to use our abilities and fulfill our potential. Martha gets a lot of criticism, but she was not all wrong! People must eat. And there is nothing wrong with preparing and enjoying a good meal. The problem had to do with motives: Martha was trying to impress Jesus, not satisfy his needs. We must realize that our work responsibilities are not divorced from our service to Christ. Since we are to do our work "heartily, as to the Lord" (Col. 3:23), we cannot divide life into the sacred and the secular. The secular becomes sacred when done for the Lord. When our work is done for Christ, it becomes an act of worship. The way we do our work will also reveal whether we spent time with Christ. Martha was pulled in many directions at once ("distracted") and was internally upset (v. 40). What motivates our work will also show if we have been with Christ, for then we will do it from love, not to impress someone or receive personal gain.
3. *Taking time to enjoy life.* This is the third dimension needed in a balanced life. Jesus came to this home to relax, not to cause tensions. He wanted to enjoy time with his friends, be among people who loved him. "Only a few things are necessary," he said (v. 42). The simple joys of life provide the deepest satisfactions.

Somehow, Christians seem prone to believe that being worn out is spiritual, that if we are exhausted by serving the Lord, we are good servants. But this is not true! Jesus and the disciples took time to go away for a while and rest (Mark 6:31). Life is not to be "endured"; it is to be enjoyed (cf. Eccles. 3:12-13; 9:7-9). If work is not balanced with relaxation, then the life we are living is much less than God intended. Perhaps it is time to unbend the bow and take time to enjoy the life God has given you. If your work has become a burden, you need to unwind. Here are a few suggestions to help in enjoying life:

- Strive for excellence, not perfection. Be satisfied when you have done your best. Remember, only God is perfect.
- Live one day at a time (Matt. 6:34).
- Build margins into your life. This allows you to handle emergencies without destroying either your agenda or peace of mind.
- Learn to laugh at yourself and at life's inconveniences.

Jesus said we choose how our lives will be (v. 42). Other people and circumstances do not determine what our lifestyle will be like. Jesus wants our lives to be balanced. And that balance begins with Him.

Remember the Reason for the Season!

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The Gathering
April 7, 2002

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June 16, 2002

Junior Week begins
June 23, 2002

Primary Week begins
June 30, 2002

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Mrs. Strickland is a member of the Stedman Pentecostal Holiness Church. She has been a Sunday school teacher for many years. For the past several years, she has been the teacher of a class she actually started, the Young Married class. She began with approximately 10 students and now has about 24 every Sunday. The main focus of this class thus far has been God's role in a young married couple's life. Another focus of this Sunday School class is fellowship. Mrs. Strickland loves people, and she especially loves to tell people about our Lord and Savior. The Young Married class of the Stedman PH Church thanks God for their Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Strickland. She is a pastor's wife, a godly woman, a person they laugh with, and most importantly, their friend. By God's Spirit, she has taught them the meaning of faith, courage, and kindness. She has modeled God's love and has created a climate for growth. Through teaching, she has opened new horizons and has expanded the potential for a fuller Christian life for the students of the Young Married class.

Congratulations, June Strickland – 2001 Karl Bunkley Sunday School Teacher of the Year!

For more information on how to nominate your Sunday school teacher for the 2002 Karl Bunkley Sunday School Teacher of the Year, call the North Carolina Conference Church Education Ministries Department at 910-910-1162 ext. 204.

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INTO A NEW YEAR: FADING LIGHTS OR GUIDING LIGHTS! Which?

Do Pentecostal Holiness Christians today perceive their relationship to the world correctly? Increasingly, the feedback seems to be an emphatic NO! Many Christians in America are struggling with the new challenges since 9-11 (September 11, 2001) and the new culture of the last twenty-five years.

So what can be done? The first step is always to come face to face with reality. And what is reality? George Barna states it this way: "The stumbling block for the church is not its theology, but its failure to apply what it believes in a compelling way... Christians have been their own worst enemies when it comes to showing the world what authoritative biblical Christianity looks like."

How Christians live their lives in their communities determines how the Lord is presented and what kind of "Lord" is presented. It has been this way since the days of Jesus. He said, "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). The anointed love lifestyle of Christians in the community has always been the determining factor.

In his book, *The Church of Irresistible Influence,* Robert Lewis presents the idea that churches and Christians can present Jesus in an "irresistible" way. What a thought is this! Christians can so present Him and lift Him up that people are drawn to Him. In fact, every Bible reader knows that when Jesus *is* lifted up, He will draw all men unto Him.

The greatest struggle I have in working with churches happens when I perceive the members have their own agendas ahead of Christ. Such churches have a negative witness and present a reproach to Christ in the community. Jesus did say in Matthew 16 that He would build His church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. The question is whether the Christian and the church belong to Him, or does ownership reside with the family, a certain group, or way of life?

Lewis lists three requirements for a church or Christian to have Jesus' influence. I agree with his findings and present them now with my personal comments.

The first is that "success" is not size, material possessions, or "quantity." Success is not "the bigger, the better." The Bible doesn't ignore the issue of numbers. It just doesn't revere it. The tenor of scripture is never "how many" but "how well." Jesus knew that in pruning the vine, more fruit would occur. Fruit flows naturally when the vine is healthy. When the vine is healthy, there will be fruit.

For Christians and churches to live well before Him, they must see their mission as loving God, walking in obedience, and living lives of influence in the community. Success is influence. John Maxwell has preached for years that leadership is influence.

Success equals influence. How good is the Christian? How much good is he doing? Is he an irresistible influence? For churches and Christians of the 21st century, there must be better lifestyles; strong, more compelling witness; authentic people; and community bridges.

The second thing required for churches and Christians to have influence is that the ministry delivery structure must change. Most ministry structures today are "holding tanks." People are helped in the environment of trying to keep them from falling away. While that is admirable in one sense, this structure in time actually inhibits personal growth rather than lifting it to higher levels. Eventually, people stagnate spiritually in these settings.

In the 21st century, ministry structures must be redesigned to serve as "launching pads"! The Christian in his own heart must think this same way. The correct prayer and thought pattern is, "Lord help me to touch someone else," rather than, "Lord, feed ME." Ministry designs and structures must be radically overhauled to equip, support, and send people into satisfying and strategic areas of service. It is the pattern individually and corporately of "launching, not holding."

Lewis' third point is that Christians must reconnect with a lifestyle of specific spiritual standards and service. This should fit easily into the mold of a Pentecostal Holiness Christian.

Many Christians today like to keep their lives spiritually undefined. This encourages a flabby day-to-day morality that believes that as long as it doesn't hurt anyone, it's okay. However, such a lifestyle does hurt others. It seriously undermines public confidence in the church and its message. In too many circles, the average Christian is no different from anyone else.

The Christian lifestyle must have specifics, but in the context of love. Standards must be embraced. Real holiness people have never had a problem with such a lifestyle.

A vital part of this lifestyle is the issue of service, of "making one's life count for the kingdom." The goal of the Christian life must be expanded beyond self-interest to the greater concerns of the world, not just for the sake of duty, but for the sake of life – the abundant life (John 10:10). This seal of purpose would overcome boredom and restlessness, and keep the Christian and/or church focused outwardly and not inwardly. "Christians and churches who labor faithfully, who refuse to compromise or go back, can slowly but surely transform themselves from fading lights back into guiding lights. And in the process, a bridge will appear – a bridge once again linking God's both/and purposes for the church and Christian with the real needs of the world" (Robert Lewis). May the Lord bless the members and churches of the N.C. Conference this year to be guiding lights. Together we can!

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How People Grow: What the Bible Reveals About Personal Growth by Henry Cloud and John Townsend. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001, 366 pages.

For years I, have been grappling with the stages of Christian growth according to the Scriptures and discovering that it is not easy to categorize the stages or levels of growth in terms of identifying barriers to and benchmarks of the process. While *How People Grow* does not offer an exhaustive treatment of the subject, it has proven to be a very helpful tool in giving insight into the process.

We are aware of the three stages in 1 John 2: little children, young men, and the fathers. 1 Corinthians 3 identifies the babe in Christ, the carnal Christian not yet sanctified, and the spiritual. John 15 identifies the believers who bear fruit, more fruit, and much fruit. But there are phases or steps that must fill in the gap of each major stage of spiritual growth. Cloud and Townsend address the path of growth, contending that all growth is spiritual growth, and offer a model of growth that links the theological with the practical.

Oftentimes, Christians are frustrated in their Christian walk because although they learn more and more truths from God's Word and stay busy in the work of the church, they somehow seem to be disconnected from reality and fail to see their lives changing in significant areas. It is possible to be active in Christian ministry and lose the joy of serving. It is possible to be so busy serving others that you fail to have meaningful relationships with those whom you serve. Husbands and wives can experience "estranged feelings" although they pray and read their Bible and attend church faithfully. You can be so busy helping other people tackle their personal problems that you lose focus on solving your own spiritual deficits. Isn't it strange how so often you readily see the answers or solutions to the problems or hang-ups of other people and yet have such difficulty taking care of your own? How odd it is that in giving the appearance of having it all together, in reality a person can mask the inferior feelings, besetting sins, hurts and losses, and character flaws that hinder him or her in growing up in the Lord.

The authors identify and explain God's role, the role of the Body of Christ, and your role in spiritual maturation. They help the reader see the big picture of the needs, problems, concerns, and issues of the process of growing up in Christ. They address finding the best climate for maturing in the faith. The final section presents a plan of growth based on the power of God's Word, the value of suffering and grief, submission to God's way and His discipline, maintaining external and internal obedience, dealing with the sin and temptation problem, and appreciating the importance of spiritual poverty.

The book is designed for growers and facilitators. It can serve as a personal guide to spiritual growth or as a text for a Bible study group. Each chapter concludes with helpful tips for growers and facilitators. The book is recommended for young and older believers. No matter what stage you find yourself in, there is helpful information to assist you in growing in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Slaying the Giants in Your Life: You Can Win the Battle and Live Victoriously by David Jeremiah. Nashville: W Publishing Group, 2001, 217 pages.

Allow me to let you in on a little secret. This book makes for a great source for sermons and/or Sunday school lessons. A great introduction to the subject and twelve chapters to follow provide for an excellent thirteen-week series on slaying the giants in a person's life. In giant land, there are all kinds of giants with which believers must contend from time to time: such as fear, discouragement, loneliness, worry, guilt, temptations, anger, resentment, doubt, procrastination, failure, and jealousy. We have God's unfailing promise that He will be with us and empower us to overcome any and all giants that threaten our spiritual life and growth.

Each chapter begins with examples of real people who struggled with giants in their lives and in the end were able to overcome the giant, becoming more like Christ in the process.

Jeremiah presents and clarifies the problem, and then offers a plan for killing the oppressing giant. The material in each chapter is very helpful in understanding the spiritual problem and how, with God's presence and power, one can fight the battle and gain the victory over the giant. The reader will be encouraged by the biblical examples of giant-slayers such as David, Nehemiah, Paul, and even the Lord Jesus.

The chapter on temptation is undoubtedly the best single chapter on the subject I have ever read in 25 years of ministry. Believe me when I tell you that you will do yourself a favor by purchasing the book and using it to bless and strengthen yourself first, then giving the knowledge and biblical facts away to help others. Happy Reading!

Order these books and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009, 1-800-541-1376.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

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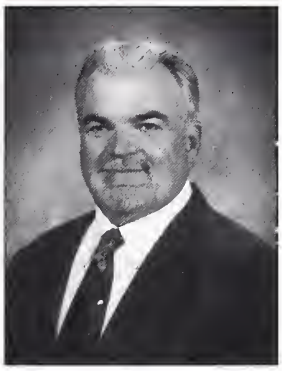
Winning The Red, White, and Blue



Since September 11, 2001, we have become the nation that stands together. We are showing our patriotism by flying the Stars and Stripes everywhere! The American flag graces our homes, vehicles, businesses, and our churches. We fly our flag with pride.

The terrorist attacks not only awakened our patriotism; they reminded us as a nation of our desperate need of God. Prompted by the tragedy, Americans began calling out to God. Those who had neglected or ignored the house of God were now coming through its doors seeking refuge and a place where prayer was evident. The faith of believers deepened as we felt the love of God strengthening and upholding us in this trying hour. In our national time of need, Christians and non-Christians bonded together, drawn in by our love for our country and our need of God's love and help.

Now we Americans watch our flag fly with pride and give thanks that we are still "One Nation Under God." We know that God did not cause the awful disaster that marred that September morning. Yet out of the ashes of destruction and death, God has caused beauty to rise up as our hearts have turned to Him. Love and compassion have flowed from Heaven, giving comfort to the brokenhearted and hope to the hopeless.

Now it is up to us as Americans and as believers to continue in prayer, seeking God for our nation and for the lost. You see, the fact that people became scared and ran to the church does not mean they really committed to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Recently, I was asked to prepare a devotion on "Thanksgiving" to give during our prayer vigil. All I could think of was "Harvest." As I pondered on all our country has experienced this fall, I realized how God was using current events to draw the unsaved to Him. I know we are in the harvest days! We must gather this ready "crop" before Jesus returns!

God gave me this to share: ***"The harvest is great, but the laborers are few."*** *He didn't say there weren't* ***any*** *laborers; He just said there were only a* ***few****. I believe we are supposed to be the Lord's "farmers," out "gathering" those who are "ripe" to receive His salvation. Prayer is our tractor, and the Bible is the seed!*

As we remember the lesson of September 11, that life can change drastically and forever in a matter of moments, let us be busy about the Lord's work. As we stand together, let us take our tractors (prayer) and seed (the Word) and ***bring in the harvest!*** *Let no one go to the devil's hell because we failed to take heed of the "times and seasons" and do our part to win the lost!*

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Passing it on..

According to a Barna poll, 61% of Pentecostals shared their faith with a nonbeliever in the previous year, but only 14% of Episcopalians did so. Among adults attending a Protestant church of any denomination, an average of 33% had borne witness (*Barna update, July 9, 2001.*) ***How about you and the men of your church?***

Building His Church...By Discipling Men

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"TODAY'S WOMAN TOUCHING TOMORROW'S WORLD"

Lines From Linda

At the beginning of each new year, we tend to look back on the old year and then make those infamous "New Year's Resolutions." With all good intent, we decide to make certain achievements during the coming 365 days. It may be to lose weight, to spend more time with the family, to read the Bible through ... or one of thousands of areas in which we wish to see self-improvement. Most often, our well-intentioned resolves end in the graveyard of unaccomplished goals.

In one of my other roles in life, I am a certified Facilitative Leadership trainer. This is a three-day training session in which we teach techniques that enhance leadership skills and enable leaders to work collaboratively with other people to achieve goals. Such exercises as building agendas, vision casting, and designing a pathway for action are included in this training. I find learnings from this training very applicable to my personal and spiritual life.

In the agenda-building session, we teach that the first determination to be made is the desired outcome of your meeting. Decide and state at the top of the agenda what is to be accomplished by the end of the meeting. The meeting then is strategically designed to accomplish those results.

If we are to achieve growth and improvement, a vision of how the end result will look is very powerful. For example, if you want to lose weight this year, envision yourself the size you would like to be. Keep that picture in your mind as you work toward your desired goal. You might even find a picture of someone who is that size and put your face on it. Post it on the refrigerator door as a constant reminder of what you want to achieve.

If the vision is to become reality, an action plan must be designed. "Where am I?" and "Where do I want to be?" are two questions that must be analyzed and answered. The next question then is "How will I achieve this?" Then a strategy must be designed for reaching your goal. To lose weight, methods such as developing better eating habits and establishing an exercise routine would fit into the strategic plan. Calorie intake and types of exercise would be specifics to be determined.

One can see how such focus and planning could also be applied to our spiritual lives. So often we just amble along carelessly in our walk with the Lord. We are in a routine that has led us to a dry rut. We may read our daily devotion from *Guidepost* but neglect to really get into the Word. We may go to church every Sunday. We may sing in the choir and pay our tithe, but we really do not have a plan for continuous improvement in our walk with God. Our action has just become habit.

Perhaps, as this new year begins, you might want to utilize some of the tools of this training. What is on your spiritual agenda this year? What do you really want to accomplish for the Lord this year? Once determined, then you can plan your time and weekly schedules to include those activities that will have eternal value. Get a vision in mind of what the end result will be. A specific plan of action, referred to periodically, will help you to stay on course.

If every individual, every Women's Ministries group, and every church in the North Carolina Conference would seriously apply these principles during 2002, we would be awed at the end result.

With prayerful planning and effort on our part, God will use what we do for His glory; and New Year's resolutions that honor God can become reality in 2002.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL HARVEST TRAIN...

If you missed the 2001 Harvest Train, you really missed a treat. The excitement of the Monday evening worship and celebration at Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn set the stage for a great gathering. The choir did a magnificent job of leading hearts to the throne of God with praise and thanksgiving for His manifold blessings.

Early on Tuesday morning, parade formation began at the church. Cars, truck, vans, and trailers were lined up behind the Dunn Shriners Clown Train. People were busy putting the last minute touches to their decorations; and Uncle Sam on stilts (AKA Terry Whittenton) kept everyone entertained. Inside the church, Gospel Tabernacle WM ladies served coffee and doughnuts. Parade judges wandered through the crowd to determine the best decorated vehicles. Hobgood PH Church (NC Conference) and Lighthouse Ministry Church (Cornerstone Conference) won the awards.

The train whistle blew, and "All Aboard" was called to get the parade rolling. Down the main street of Dunn and out to I-95, crepe paper, balloons, and tinsel caught the eyes of those along the route. The audience with real anticipation was found in front of Falcon Children's Home. Children there had eagerly awaited the arrival of the train. They were prepared to receive the candies and goodies that were tossed to them from the various vehicles.

The parade ended in front of Culbreth Tabernacle in Falcon, where hundreds of people had gathered for the Harvest Train Day spectacular program. The program theme was ***There's No Place Like Home***. Under the direction of Ben Minter, the spin-off of *The Wizard of Oz* included Dorothy, Straw Man, Tin Man, and Lion. However, instead of the wizard to guide them, Falcon Children's Home Superintendent T. E. Long and Mrs. Sylvia Long were there to give them guidance in finding their way home...and ultimately to their eternal home in Heaven. It should also be noted that Mrs. Long made the costumes for the characters in the play, and they were beautiful. We must also mention the excellent job the Longs did in their acting debut!

Following the program, Women's Ministries conference directors made presentation of their gifts to IPHC WM Executive Director Jewelle Stewart, who in turn presented the total of those gifts to Superintendent Long. The North Carolina Conference gave over $110,000 in cash and $35,000 worth of commodities. The total offering amounted to more that $300,000 in addition to the thousands of dollars' worth of commodities that were stashed in the warehouse.

Harvest Train Day 2001 was a huge success. However, as great as these gifts were, they nowhere begin to meet the huge expense of taking care of our children for the year. There are an unusual number of "private placement" children in the home who do not go there through social services and/or the court system. These children are usually from Pentecostal Holiness churches or relatives of PH people. The home gets little or no assistance in most of these cases. Last fiscal year these cases alone cost the home about $120,000. Consequently, Falcon Children's Home needs the support of every church in the North Carolina Conference. If you did not participate in Harvest Train Day this year, please make every effort to include them in your plans for 2003. Better still, you can get the year started off right by sending a contribution to be added to the 2001 total.

Uncle Sam and Patsy Deese enjoy pre-parade activities.

God places an awesome responsibility in the hands of our church with each new child who arrives at Falcon Children's Home. Each soul is precious in God's sight. This is a ministry opportunity we must not neglect. Every dollar you give to this cause goes directly to the service of our children there. What a great way to invest in the future. Superintendent Long will be happy to visit your church and take some of the children along to tell the Falcon Children's Home story.

COUPLES RETREAT...

On Friday, November 9, thirty-five couples from the North Carolina Conference gathered in Boone, NC, at the Quality Inn Appalachian Conference Center for the Ninth Annual NCWM Couples Retreat. That evening, each couple posed for a photo prior to the banquet. Following a delicious meal, brief remarks of welcome and instructions were given by Dr. Kevin Arthur. Each couple was given the name of another couple whom they were instructed to find and interview. After all couples had completed their assignment, each couple was introduced to the group by the couple who had interviewed them. This was quite a fun way to get to know everybody.

On Saturday morning, following breakfast, the group gathered for the first session of the seminar, which was led by Rev. Maurice Phelps, pastor of Glad Tidings Pentecostal Holiness Church in Morehead City, NC. Session One, *God's Order for Marriage*, was on the biblical plan of marriage. Session Two was *Affair-proofing Your Marriage,* where the warning signals and the value of commitment to marriage vows were discussed.

Showing Affection was the third session, in which Rev. Phelps made reference to Song of Solomon and related the importance of loving communication between husband and wife. The morning session closed with a homework assignment of questions each person was to answer and discuss with his or her spouse before returning on Sunday morning. Also included in the assignment was a Love Checklist, a self-evaluation for each person.

The afternoon was free time for couples to enjoy the mountain town of Boone. Many ended up at Daniel Boone Inn for a meal that evening. Shopping the shops of Boone and the nearby outlet centers was also enjoyed by some.

On Sunday morning, Rev. Phelps continued with a session on *Leaving and Cleaving*. Couples were reminded that means more than just leaving the home of one's birth. Adjustments must be made in lifestyle to leave those things that are causing conflict in your marriage and cleave to your marital relationship. The session ended with couples making a recommitment to each other and to God regarding their marriages.

Couples who attended these sessions agreed that they were both fun and time well invested in strengthening their relationships.

Special thanks again to Terry and Cathy Ward and to Kevin and Cathy Arthur for doing all the planning and deploying of this event. It was another great Couples Retreat!

Rev. & Mrs. Maurice Phelps enjoy the banquet meal at Ninth Annual Couples Retreat.

Thirty five couples enjoyed a marriage enrichment weekend in Boone, N.C.

GIRLS' MINISTRIES LTC...

AWESOME! That is the only word that the GM Board knows to describe the events of October 26 and 27 as ladies met in Falcon for the annual Girls Ministries Leadership Training Council. When the October 12 registration deadline arrived, only a few people had registered. However, at the last minute, registrations poured in, leaving the board with the dilemma of pulling together extra materials and food in a hurry. (I really don't know why we fretted. We know that God always provides.) By 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening, eighty ladies had gathered, and we were ready for the training to begin.

Past General Girls' Ministries Director Linda Riddle led the general session. She brought the group up to date on additions

to the program and new items. At 9:45 p.m. a torch was lit, and we headed to the woods for bonfire and devotional time. Yes, to the woods! Superintendent Chris Thompson gave the devotion, in which he reminded us that we should strive for God's perfection, not the expectations of people. As he spoke in that place of quietness, the Spirit of God moved among us. Around the bonfire, tense expressions relaxed, and hands were lifted in adoration to our Savior as we prayed. After prayer, communion was served. This was a very anointed activity. As this event was discussed the next day, we learned that many spiritual needs had been met during that time of prayer and worship.

On Saturday morning, Linda Riddle taught the ladies who were working toward certification, while ladies who were taking continuing education attended sessions of interest to them. Following break, a session was presented on fundraising. Several ideas were presented to help churches meet operational financial needs.

The Culbreth Memorial Men's Fellowship provided meals and treats. Saturday morning's coffee, juice, and full breakfast were a hit with the ladies. They also tended the fire and cooked the "tin foil" meals which the ladies assembled as part of their training activity.

I give God praise for all the progress He has given to the North Carolina Girls' Ministries program. Last year we had several districts in our conference which provided no training program for girls. At last year's LTC, I shared my goal of having a club in every district before the 2001 LTC. Praise God, He heard the prayers of a few and impressed many to get involved to see that this happened. I can announce to you that there is now a Girls' Ministries Club in every district of the North Carolina Conference. Isn't God good!

I see great potential in these clubs. Not only the potential of growth, but of becoming blessings to the churches and communities in which they live. Thank you, ladies who unselfishly give of your time and energy to provide spiritual training for our girls.

Submitted by Sandra Britt, NCGM Director

ST. JOHN GM VISIT ROYAL HOME...

The Friends Club of St. John Church Girls' Ministries recently gave a baby shower for the Royal Home in Salemburg. The girls collected an offering and gifts from various means. They carried the gifts to the residents of the Royal Home and gave the offering to the house parents there. The girls really enjoyed their visit, and the blessing of giving to this ministry was a tremendous experience for them.

St. John GM Friends Club visits Salemburg Royal Home.

This would be an excellent project for other Friends or Girls Only clubs. Depending on your location, you could visit either Royal Home...the one in Salemburg or the one in Greenville. You may make arrangements for your visit by calling Mrs. Joyce Whitfield at 910-525-3000.

GM Promotion Day at St. John Church.

NCWM LEADERSHIP SEMINAR JANUARY 26...

The annual leadership seminar will be held at Mount Carmel PH Church in Fayetteville on Saturday, January 26. All local WM council members (officials) are encouraged to attend this training event. The theme is "Unlocking Your Leadership Potential." Keys will be presented to help each leader function better. Contact your local WM director for registration details.

TIME OF REFRESHING

NCWM ANNUAL RETREAT

April 12 & 13, 2002

New Bern Riverfront Convention Center

New Bern, North Carolina

Headquarters Hotel:

Sheraton Grand Hotel, New Bern, NC

CONTACT LOCAL WM DIRECTOR FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

As this conference enters a new year, there is a temptation to look on the accomplishments of 2001 and camp there for a while. We could point to a record Global Outreach offering, or a record year in total missions giving, or any number of achievements in World Missions ministry. The same is true in Evangelism ministry with five newly organized churches and four startups, and the news of many churches having a spirit of revival and a harvest of souls. Yes, there is much to boast about; however, we can boast only in the great works of our Lord. As good stewards, it is time if not already done to chart a course and set our goals for an even greater year. In Evangelism/World Missions Ministries, our theme for the coming year is "Let us rise up and build," taken from Nehemiah 2:18. This is a well-rehearsed story of vision and challenge that pastors, their congregations, and this conference can claim to carry us to greater heights than ever this year. From the second chapter of Nehemiah, there are four thoughts that I want you to gather. There was great potential recognized (Nehemiah 2:17) amid the ruined walls of Jerusalem seen by the visionary Nehemiah as he circled the walls by night. He then called the people together and presented them with the potential, along with a challenge to rise up and build.

The harvest fields of eastern North Carolina and the world are ripe, ready to harvest. I challenge every pastor and church to rise up and build the kingdom. Along with potential recognized, planning was required (Nehemiah 2:12-15). It is one thing to recognize potential; yet it is another step in the successful trip to planting and building churches and reaching the foreign harvest fields to plan diligently. Some stop with seeing the potential and never go as far as planning to reap the potential. I suppose that on this one point many fail. Excitement, motivation, and energy are important in reaching our world; however, when we do not plan, we will fail. True is the saying, "If we fail to plan, we plan to fail." When potential is recognized and required planning is done, the next step follows consistently. Progress will be realized (Nehemiah 6:15).

In Nehemiah's case, after the first two steps were in place, the walls were rebuilt in 52 days. What a fantastic accomplishment. There is no doubt in my mind that when pastors and their congregations recognize potential and plan to accomplish that potential, progress will be realized. The same is true on the conference level.

Finally, after the first three steps, praise is rendered (Nehemiah 12:2743). What a cause for great celebration, giving praise to God for great things accomplished. The noise of celebration was heard afar off by the surrounding communities. Yet there is another thought that bathes all the above; that is prayer. The importance and necessity of prayer in rising up and building the walls (the kingdom) is vital. No church, group, or conference will be successful for God's glory if the value of prayer is not understood and set in place. Yes, we have for God's glory and name accomplished much in 2001 as local churches and as a conference; however, let's chart our course and set our sights on greater things this year.

In a few short weeks, I will relay to you our conference goals and vision in Evangelism/World Missions – by the way, conference goals cannot be reached without the local pastors and churches coming together. My goals and projections for the North Carolina Conference are successful only as each local church joins in and does the same. I will allude to two goals in this article. By the end of 2002, my vision is for 200 churches and $1,450,000 in total missions giving. I truly meant it in the fall round of District Conferences when I said, "We've only scratched the surface" in eastern North Carolina and in World Missions. A couple of January-March dates are very important. The missions meals begin on January 28 and run through February 6. Watch your mail. The *first* North Carolina Conference church planters' school is in March (21-23). Yes, I am excited about what God has done through the people and churches of the North Carolina Conference in 2001, and I'm even more excited about what He will do through **you** this year. *God is up to something!*

World Intercession Network

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Remembering our 2001 WIN prayer conference at Falcon, NC

People
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Prayer: the Gateway to Successful Living

"That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed [descendants] as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed [descendants] shall possess the gate [cities] of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice" (Genesis 22:17, 18).

On November 3, 2001, all pastors, spouses, ministers, WIN captains, church leaders, and members were invited for a special time of prayer and teaching. There was a tremendous outpouring of the Spirit of God as we cried out in prayer. Dr. A. Douglas Beacham, Jr., and his wife, Susan Beacham, gave a special time of devotion and exhortation. As we gathered, God gave Dr. Beacham an exhortation from the book of Joel, chapter 2:1-32. In verses 17 and 18 of this chapter, the Spirit of the Lord broke out in intercession as Dr. Beacham proclaimed.

"We are people who stand in the gap today. Every one of us are ministers of the Lord today. You do not need to be ordained in order to stand in the gap. You are ministers of the Lord called by the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, and He is calling for us to stand and weep between the porches and the altars. And He is telling us to pray this: 'SPARE YOUR PEOPLE, O LORD!'

Let's pray these various clauses: SPARE YOUR PEOPLE, O LORD. Pastors, cry it out over your congregations. 'SPARE YOUR PEOPLE O LORD!'

For all the ministers of the conference, spare the ministers, O Lord. Spare them from devastation; spare the families, O God, from the attack of the enemy. Spare your people, O Lord; Spare us, O God! Preserve us! Don't spare us for life as we've known it before, but spare us for the new things that you have for us in our lives! Stir, stir, render our hearts, O God, stir, render our heart! Spare us, O Lord, spare us!

Lord, we pray: don't give your heritage to reproach! The Christian faith is under attack by others, O Lord; we do not wish evil upon them! We don't pray anger and bitterness and hatred, but we pray, O Lord, that you will not give your heritage, a nation that has been founded on righteousness, that you will not give us over to reproach, O God!

And we don't pray that the banner of our nation be lifted high, but let the Spirit of the banner of the Lord be lifted high! Let the name of Jesus Christ be lifted high! Let not your heritage be given to reproach, O God! Banner of God rise up, banner of righteousness rise up; the banner over us is love; let the cross of Jesus Christ be lifted up!

You said you draw all man unto you! We lift up Jesus in our generation, O God! Jesus for Buddhists, for Muslims, for atheists, for Hindus, for everyone; O God, we lift the name of Jesus up! Let the banner of the love of the Lord go! Don't give your heritage to reproach, O God! That the nation should rule over them we pray that the spirits of idolatry, the spirits of man's wisdom that have ruled over us, that like a wave of revival the Spirit of God will be poured out across our land!

That your righteousness, justice, and peace will be established! Lord we cry out like you called these priests to cry out, and say 'Wherefore should they say among the people, where is their God?' We pray that the name of the Lord be exalted; come forth, O Lord, come forth! We humble ourselves before you. The Spirit and the bride cry out together, Come; Maranatha; come, Lord Jesus; manifest your glory not only in the excitant, but in this day manifest your glory! That the glory of the Lord rise among us, O Lord! May they see in our lives and in our hearts in the righteousness, justice and peace in our lives; may they say there is their God, there is their God! Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hallelujah! As the people of God prayed that prayer of Joel 2:17, the scripture says in verse 18 of that same chapter, 'Then will the Lord be jealous for His land, and pity His people.'"

As the body of Christ, we have a great privilege of communing with God in prayer and asking Him to reveal Himself to us. It is our duty to respond to His love by a continual life of seeking Him. I challenge you in the name of the Lord to seek Him and make Him the most important part of your life this year.

Lists of churches with WIN captains are:

Abiding in Him Ministries, Inc.
Ayden
The Capital
Culbreth Memorial
Crossroads
Elizabethtown
Evangel
Family Life Tabernacle
The First PHC
Grace Community
Kinston First
Living Waters
Mt. Olive
Northwood Temple
Pike's Crossroads
Saint Paul's
Sanford First
Smyrna
Spring of Living Water
Stedman
Taylor Chapel
Trinity
Wades Point
Westmoreland
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Rev. Charles Boyd, CE
Rev. John Parker, Hisp. Min.
Jack Kelly, Men's Min.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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Happy New Year From the CEM Department

In 2002 each day I pray that you choose...

Love – No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

Joy – I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical...the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problems as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

Peace – I will love forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

Patience – I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

Kindness – I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

Goodness – I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness.

Faithfulness – Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

Gentleness – Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

Self-control – I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

–Written by Max Lucado

North Carolina Conference 2002 Church Education Ministries Convention
Falcon, North Carolina

Friday, March 1, 2002
7:30 p.m.
Session with Stan Toler –"Teaching to Influence Lives"

Saturday. March 2, 2002
Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. in the Conference Tabernacle

Speakers:

Stan Toler
Dr. Doug Beacham
Dayton Birt
Luis Avila
Tony and Sandy Sasser
Royal Rangers Representatives
Missionettes Representatives

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You only need to pre-register for Saturday, March 2, 2002. The Friday evening session with Stan Toler does not require pre-registration. Everyone pre-registered for Saturday's training will receive a free tape and book.

Cost: Saturday, March 2, 2002 day of training is $10.00 per person, or your church may send an unlimited amount of folks for just $50.00.

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From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

2001 – A LOOK BACK

Wow! What a year! Betty and I began the year with this promise from the Lord: "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Don't be afraid or discouraged by the size of the task, for the Lord God, my God, is with you" (1 Chronicles 28:20). The Lord honored His Word to us and kept all His promises. "Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord, who have no confidence in the proud, or in those who worship idols. O Lord my god, you have done many miracles for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them" (Psalm 40:4-5). *Wow!* What a year!

As information is compiled, it is obvious that the Lord has richly blessed the people and churches of the N.C. Conference. Many new records have been set. Many souls have been added to the Kingdom.

Allow me to mention several things in a personal way to describe the year.

The first year as superintendent has been a very busy one. Note these facts:

- Ministry miles driven – 33,534 miles
- Preaching & teaching sessions – 188
- Chaired 15 Conference Board Meetings
- Met with 66 church boards
- Conducted 24 church business meetings
- Nine new church start ups
- Five new churches organized
- Assigned 28 pastors
- Worked with 37 churches in pastoral change
- Twenty-two Superintendent's MPM (Mission, Prayer, & Ministry) meetings
- Funerals – 10
- Weddings – 3 (Including son David)
- Seven Evangelism Board leadership meetings
- Chaired 4 CEM Board meetings
- Conducted 23 district conferences
- Attended 2 Emmanuel College Board of Trustees meetings
- Attended 5 Children's Home leadership & board meetings
- Attended Men's Ministry National Board meeting
- Attended 3 General Executive Board meetings and the General Board of Administration meeting
- Conducted a two-day Examining Committee meeting
- Conducted one Superintendent's SAC meeting (Advisory Council)
- Conducted Archives Committee meeting and day of training
- Conducted two camp meetings – Piney Grove and Falcon
- Spoke at 8 conference Christmas parties
- Attended these other conference functions:
  - Three Schools of Evangelism
  - Evangelism USA superintendents' meeting
  - Bishop's superintendents' meeting
  - Three Missions Meals
  - Wiley Clark retirement
  - Holmes Trustee meetings (4)
  - CWI
  - WM Retreat
  - Three Youth Rallies
  - ATAM, Inc. banquet
  - Conference Talent (Junior and Senior),
  - Conference Prayer Day
  - Men's Resurrection Breakfast
  - Children's Worker's Retreat
  - Conference CEM Training
  - Sunday School Training
  - World Pentecostal Conference
  - W.M. Convention
  - Falcon Youth Camp
  - General W.M. Convention
  - General Men's Ministry Convention
  - General Conference
  - Conference Men's Ministries Meeting
  - Falcon Town Day
  - Emmanuel Feast of Ingathering
  - WIN Meeting
  - Reconciliation (Jail) Ministry Training
  - Harvest Train
  - Superannuate meetings (2)

As one can readily see, it has been a very busy year. Yet it has been a most rewarding one! I have constantly been amazed at how the Lord has led and blessed. So many times I didn't know the answer or what to say. The Lord always comes through! He used so many sources – His Word, prayer reflection, the advice and counsel of family, staff, and others. I know I have not always made the right decision or done the perfect thing, yet I have tried to be fair, objective, and honest, and to do in the Lord what I thought was right. I have learned so much this first year and have grown in the Lord. I look forward with faith and trust on Him for the year ahead. Together we can!

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CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Virginia Waters Bridgman
January 5, 1931 – December 23, 2001

It was my honor and privilege to speak at the homegoing celebration of Sister Virginia Bridgman on Thursday, December 27. The service was held at the Paul Funeral Home Chapel, Belhaven at 2:00 p.m. Speaking in the service were Rev. William Sanders (son-in-law), Rev. Dean Fulford, Jr. (Pastor), and Rev. Ann Baines. Brother Nelson Guy furnished the special music. The interment was in the Oddfellow Cemetery in Belhaven. Sister Bridgman is survived by her sons Colin and Kirby, and her daughter Rev. Lorita Bridgman Sanders.

Virginia Bridgman was a special Christian lady and minister. She received Mission Workers License on September 17, 1979. She was licensed as a member of the N.C. Conference in June 1981. She was superannuated in 1997.

Her ministries as a Christian worker included a broad range of activities. She taught Sunday school for over 25 years. She was a deaconess for two years. For over 13 years she served as secretary/treasurer of the Swanquarter Church. She was Lifeliners director for four years. On two separate occasions she pastored the Swanquarter Church for a total of ten years. Again, on two separate occasions she pastored the Pinetown Church for a total of four years. She was a well respected and loved leader of the church.

Here was a lady who served her God and her church well. She ministered well even in a time when some did not accept lady preachers. She preached from Africa to North Carolina. She was a warrior in the faith.

It was said of her that she was a prayer tower in Belhaven. Everyone knew her and called on her for prayer. She will be greatly missed.

Rev. Bridgman was always faithful to her commitments. She was always faithful to attend church and conference events. She never missed an event. She was always excited about God and about winning someone to the Lord. The day before she died she won a soul to the Lord. That night the Lord said to her personally, "Well done! Good and faithful servant."

She has now earned her reward. She passes the baton to those who knew her. She is in heaven, but her memory still speaks volumes. She would leave these words of challenge to us – "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is nct in vain in the Lord" (I Corinthians 15:58).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NEW PARENTS!

Charles and Laura Boyd
Girl: ***Ansleigh Noel Boyd***

Allen and Debbie Mayo
Girl: ***Heidi Alexandra Mayo***

Marc and Denise Swanner
Girl: ***Abby Michele Swanner***

Evangelism Explosion Clinic

Northwood Temple
Fayetteville, NC
Friday, April 12 – Wednesday, April 17, 2002

Pastor John Hedgepeth is hosting an Evangelism Explosion Clinic for pastors and laypersons. Dates for the clinic are Friday, April 12 through Wednesday, April 17, 2002. The cost is $395.00 per person. If three go from the same church, the cost is $360.00 per person. This covers cost of materials and all meals except three.

For more information, call E.E. International, 954-491-6100, or Cal Maulden, Northwood Temple, 910-488-7474.

RECONCILIATION MINISTRY NEWS

(Jail, Prison, Inmate Family, Aftercare)

The first Reconciliation Ministry Workshop was held in Falcon on November 17, 2001. Chaplain Don Jordan of Sandhills Youth Center gave the devotion. Mr. Joe Grimsley from Northwood Temple Church shared highlights of his prison ministry. Joe has worked with Gospel Bands doing prison concerts for many years. Several people who minister in jails and prisons introduced themselves and shared ministry experiences. Pastor Gary Burd, superintendent of the of the Texas Conference, told of a new denominational ministry called C.O.R.D. (City of Refuge Development), which ministers to ex-inmates. It was a great day!

During December, choirs from the Stedman Church and the Mount Olive Church presented Christmas music concerts at the Lumberton Correctional Institution. The inmates enjoyed these concerts and were greatly blessed. Special thanks goes to Pastor Lamar Jackson (Mount Olive), Reverend Jim Gray (Associate Minister – Stedman), and every member of these great choirs who participated.

The next workshop will be held in Falcon on February 9, 2002, in the cafeteria/training center from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Mr. Jim Gray will have a brief devotion and members of the Stedman Church will sing. Ms. Elzetter Lowry of the Mount Olive Church will share highlights of her many years of ministry at Robeson Correctional Center, and Mount Olive Church members will sing. Mr. Lynn Summers, who supervises the ministry program at Hoke Correctional Institution (near Raeford), will be the primary speaker. His topic will be jail and prison ministry.

Come to Falcon on February 9! If possible, contact Ms. Rose Nelson at the conference office (910-980-1162) or me (910-425-7474) and let us know you plan to come. This will help us to prepare. Our ministry goals are to recognize ministry co-workers, encourage others to participate, offer training, and serve the local church. Come and join us! *–Steve Enloe*

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Rev. Harold Turpin
February 1

Rev. W. H. Lewis
February 7

Rev. Hildred Potter
February 8

Rev. Mrs. Luetta Morris
February 10

Rev. Clayton Guthrie
February 15

Rev. Tim Henry
February 26

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed

Surprising Insights From the Unchurched: And Proven Ways to Reach Them
by Thom S. Rainer.
Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001. 281 pages.

Being effective in growing a church includes knowing what to do and how to do it as well as where you are going and how to get there. If you want to be successful in these areas, then you cannot afford to overlook this publication. It is impressive, chock full of helpful information designed to help the church leader understand more about the unchurched and how to reach them.

The book consists of two main sections: 1) Listening to the Formerly Unchurched and 2) Leaders of Churches that Reach the Unchurched.

There are at least 68 statistical charts and graphs based on research findings that provide information ranging from factors that led the unchurched to choose a particular church, to leadership styles of successful pastors who are reaching the unchurched. The facts bear out some remarkable conclusions that would really surprise the reader, such as the name of the church's having little or no influence upon the unchurched joining a particular church; the average tenure of an unchurched-reaching pastor is 11.8 years, over three times longer than the typical American pastor's; and nearly half of the unchurched interviewed said that conviction of belief was an important factor in choosing a church. Conventional wisdom would say that music and preaching are the two key factors for reaching the unchurched. Research indicated that the quality of the nursery and children's church are vitally important as well. Nowadays, people look at the cleanliness of the facilities and the level of excellence of children's ministries. Could it be that the nursery and children's ministries need to have some of the most qualified people? Yes, the unchurched have expectations of excellence, and churches would do well to pay attention to every area of church life and ministries to ensure excellence and high quality.

My intention is to find in the budget an allocation for the purchase of this book for every deacon, elder, and Sunday school leader. You are encouraged to do likewise, if you haven't done so already.

The Church of Irresistible Influence by Robert Lewis.
Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 2001.
219 pages.

Experience and history reveal that transforming a Christian or a church from a "church" mind-set to a "kingdom" mind-set requires know-how, perserverance, and the desire of the Christian or church to change. Yet how immovable we are sometimes!

Lewis states, "Irresistible influence is about the great need that exists today of reconnecting the church with the community in a way that makes the church both real and reachable. Love is irresistible–irresistible influence." This book is about bridge builders and building bridges to the lost world. Far too often churches have been guilty of preoccupation with themselves while the world drifts toward perdition. If you don't think this is true, examine the yearly budget of the average church. More money is spent for inward than outward purposes. A larger percentage of monies is allocated for "us" than for "them."

We must ask ourselves some hard questions. Is the church losing its grip on the very world it has been called to save? Is the church isolated from the world that Jesus commanded us to reach? Is the church powerless to do the work Jesus began some 2000 years ago? Is the Gospel canceled by the way Christians live? Is our salt tasteless and our light hidden? Do most worshipers in our churches seek an experience with God minus the commitment? Has entertainment drowned out the messge of the Cross? Is our church preoccupied with ourselves, our routines, facilities, and filling our buildings with performances? Is the church guilty of changing to reach more "Christians" than to reach more sinners? What impact does your church have on the community? Have the gates of hell overcome the church by making it irrelevant to our generation? What is your church equipped to do in reaching sinners for Christ? Are we better at burning bridges to the world or building them? Are softball and basketball more important than winning the lost? Follow the money trail and see.

According to Lewis, the church must have bridges to the world or it will fade into isolation, self-congratulation, and finally, irrelevance. The kingdom mind-set includes a desire to reach the world for Christ. This is accomplished by building bridges in a postmodern era that seeks convincing, reliable, certain reality. The church should "present living proof of a loving God to a watching world." The church should be a force for good for the community. Instead of spending so much time, energy and resources pointing out the world's errors, we should spend more of them proving God's love. It sounds like something Jesus would do, like giving more than receiving, like "others" more than "self."

Does the church exist and remain on earth for itself or for the world? Isn't the whole purpose of the church to make disciples? Is it possible to be a successful church in the eyes of fellow Christians but be a failure in influencing and reaching the world of lost people? How can I help transform my church into one of irresistible influence?

Starting at page 68, Lewis provides insight and instruction about how to become a church of irresistible influence in the community. I must admit, the Lord spoke to my heart as I read this material. None of what Lewis was saying was really new. But it was presented powerfully and convincingly enough to get my attention. Your heart too will be stirred as you read and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you. Of course, action is better than simply thinking. Putting into practice is the hard part. Building a bridge is not easy work, but it can be done. Confession is the first part: to admit that in the past you have been responsible for building false bridges or no bridge at all. Vision is next: moving from the church "club" to the church of irresistible influence. Other crucial steps follow until you have begun to construct a bridge to your world of lost.

I highly recommend this people book to all who care about God and His kingdom, and the work of the church of Jesus Christ in these last days. Happy reading!

Order these books and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009, 1-800-541-1376.

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Build a Winning Ministry to Men"

"Partners in Ministry"

A Message From Ronnie

Recently I came across this fantastic article, ***"Reaching the Disconnected Male,"*** *by Patrick Morley.* ***Leadership****, Win2001 (Vol. 22, No. 1) Pages 76-80. Please check this out!*

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Ministering to men is challenging. As one pastor put it, "A man is a hard thing to reach." Any church that has tried to get a Men's Ministry off the ground will echo that sentiment.

The key to a growing Men's Ministry is the management of momentum. Churches must learn to create it, capture it, and sustain it.

To start, churches must write down their vision and purpose for Men's Ministry. This helps leaders make decisions affecting the ministry. For example, if the main goal of the ministry is to reach men and equip them to be spiritual leaders, you would probably focus on discipleship rather than service projects.

Once your mission statement is in place, establish leadership. ***All you need is one man with a passion to reach other men.*** *Make sure, however, that your leadership is made up of men who are respected by other men. Ask the men of your church what they need. In what area of life do they feel the most pressure? What is the most valuable (or worst) experience they have had in church in the past year? Gather your leaders and talk with them about your findings.*

The next step is to overcome the inertia that keeps men from moving forward. For many men, Christianity is like a spare tire – something to be only used in case of an emergency. It's easiest to attract these men by offering a purpose-driven but non-threatening event, perhaps centered around sports, financial success, or fathering skills. The object is not to have an event but to have men engaging and building relationships with other men.

After the kickoff event, have a follow-up plan ready. Offer something like a small group study that will last for three, four, or maybe six weeks. Don't overwhelm them and you'll discover men on the fringe of faith making their way in.

To sustain momentum, give men every chance to connect to something, such as a Bible study a ministry project, or a prayer group. Do everything with your original purpose in mind.

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Building His Church...by Discipling Men

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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Vanceboro, NC 28586

"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Lines From Linda

I love you! Have you ever stopped to consider the impact of these three little words?

This morning I picked up a well-worn Bible that I retired some time ago. I had tucked it away on a shelf over my desk; but for some reason, it caught my eye. I reached up, took it from the shelf, and put it on the desk in front of me. As I began to thumb through the pages, something red drew my attention back to the front pages. I flipped back, and there, clipped neatly to the page, was a red Valentine book marker which my son had made in Sunday school many years ago. He had printed in his childish handwriting, "To Mom, From Brynn, I love you."

Needless to say, the book marker brought back lots of memories. You see, Brynn is now twenty-nine years old; but, as I read those words, I remembered him as a little boy wearing thick glasses. I could visualize him sitting in Sunday school class, looking over the top of those glasses, with his red construction paper, scissors, and glue, working diligently on this gift for me. Although I can't specifically remember receiving this bookmarker, I am sure my heart was blessed when he proudly gave it to me. He was a spiritually sensitive and loving child who knew how to make his mother feel very special. He loved to hug me...even in his middle school and high school years when many of his friends didn't acknowledge their mothers in public places (you know...that teen thing!). Although he wrote those three little words on that red Valentine book marker so many years ago, it reminded me today of his affection for me. Knowing he loved me then and still loves me blesses my heart beyond words.

Another very special "I Love You" in my life came from my Aunt Hattie. She was my special aunt. Her daughter and I grew up almost like sisters, so I spent a lot of time at her house. I seldom left her house after a visit but that these were her parting words to me. When she was in the final stages of cancer and death was nearer than any of us thought, I spent the day with her. When I got ready to leave, I went to her bedside and prayed with her. She took my hand, drew me to her, and in a weak and tired voice said, "I love you." The next time I saw her she was in a comatose state in the hospital. I left the hospital and went to Falcon for a WM Board meeting and Harvest Train. Soon after I got to Falcon, the call came that she had passed away. I'll never forget driving back home that day. My heart was so broken. It was two days before Thanksgiving. I remember thinking over and over how thankful I was to have enjoyed Aunt Hattie's love and how special that last "I love you" was to me.

Although Joe and I have been married nearly 39 years, I still enjoy his telling me that he loves me... and I enjoy telling him that I love him as well. This is a part of our daily conversation. Thank goodness, he is not like the man who said he told his wife he loved her before he married her and if he ever changed his mind, he would let her know.

I love you...three powerful words when spoken from a truthful heart! They can calm the anxieties and frustrations of daily life. They can bring assurance where there is doubt. Even the memory of these words warms the heart. Let's determine to speak them generously...for we never know when it will be our last opportunity to do so.

> *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another"* (John 13:34).

CHOCOLATE HEART COOKIES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

3½ oz. unsweetened baking chocolate, broken up or coarsely chopped
2⅔ cups confectioner's sugar, sifted
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
⅓ cup egg whites (from 2 or 3 large eggs) at room temperature or warmer
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Decoration: Granulated sugar

- Heat oven to 325. Line baking sheet with foil; lightly coat foil with nonstick spray. Have ready a 2¼" to 2½" heart-shaped cookie cutter.
- Microwave chocolate in a small bowl on HIGH for 1 minute, then stir. Repeat at 30 second intervals, stopping before chocolate melts completely. Let cool.
- In a large bowl, with mixer on low speed, beat chocolate, about ⅓ confectioner's sugar and the cocoa powder until mixed (will resemble coarse crumbs). Gradually add about ⅓ the egg whites; beat to blend. Beat in about ½ remaining sugar, then ½ the egg whites until smooth. Repeat with remaining sugar, egg whites and vanilla.
- On high speed, beat 2 minutes or until very smooth. Let stand 5 minutes for whites to be fully absorbed. If dry or crumbly, knead in 1 to 2 teaspoons water; if sticky and wet, beat in 2 to 4 tablespoons sugar to stiffen slightly. Beat one minute to blend.
- Divide in half. Immediately place each portion between sheets of wax paper. Roll out each to ¼ inch thick. Working with one portion, gently peel away one sheet of wax paper, then lightly pat it back in place. Flip dough over on work surface; peel off top sheet. Cut out with cookie cutter. If cutter sticks, dip in confectioner's sugar; tap off excess. As cookies are cut, carefully peel them off wax paper and place 1¼ inch apart on foil-lined baking sheet. Reroll and cut scraps. Repeat with remaining dough.
- Bake one sheet at a a time for 9 to 13 minutes, until surface is dry but centers are soft when very lightly pressed. Slide cookies (still on foil) onto a wire rack. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. When completely cooled, carefully peel cookies off foil.

Makes about 30 cookies.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE...

Parenting is one of the most challenging roles of life. Every child is different. Here are five tips to custom-fit your parenting:

1. **Hang out with your children.**
   Time is the most precious commodity you can give them. You will learn who shares, who exhibits a big imagination, and who must be active in order to be happy. You will learn your children by being with them in all kinds of situations.

2. **Observe your child's reactions to stressful situations.**
   What frustrates him? What makes her laugh? How does he respond to teasing? Is she tenderhearted or tough?

3. **Discover talents.**
   Try lessons in piano, art or gymnastics. See what develops: an athletic ability or a creative spirit. [Note: Don't force your personal unfulfilled dreams on them.]

4. **Observe your child's natural speed and capacity for learning and performing.**
   Can she handle four things at once or only one thing at a time? Does he finish projects on time or is he consistently late?

5. **What brings out your child's inquisitive nature?**
   If bugs and spiders mesmerize your daughter, buy her an ant farm. She could be a budding entomologist!

Of all the jobs one will ever do, parenting is one of the most important. Like wet cement in our hands, our children are being molded. It is important that we really know and understand our children so that we can help them to grow to their full potential physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

Adapted from *Today's Christian Woman*

Is anxiety getting the best of you? Do you worry a lot?

Here is a handy reference list of emergency phone numbers.

When in sorrow . . . . . John 14
When friends fail you . . . . . Psalm 27
When you have sinned . . . . . Psalm 51
When you worry . . . . . Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger . . . . . Psalm 91
When God seems far away . . . . . Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring . . . . . Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful . . . . . Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical . . . . . I Corinthians 13
When you feel down and out . . . . . Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest . . . . . Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God . . . . . Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance . . . . . Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel . . . . . Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish . . . . . Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task . . . . . Joshua 1
When you think of investments and returns . . . . . Mark 10
If you are depressed . . . . . Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty . . . . . Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people . . . . . I Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind . . . . . John 15
If discouraged about your work . . . . . Psalm 126
If self pride/ego takes hold . . . . . Psalm 19
If you want to be fruitful . . . . . John 15
For understanding of Christianity . . . . . II Corinthians 5:15-19
For a great invention/opportunity . . . . . Isaiah 55
For how to get along with fellow men . . . . . Romans 12
For Paul's secret to happiness . . . . . Colossians 3:12-17

ALTERNATE NUMBERS:
For dealing with fear . . . . . Psalm 37
For security . . . . . Psalm 121:3
For assurance . . . . . Mark 8:35
For reassurance . . . . . Psalm 145:18

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct.
No operator assistance is necessary.
All Lines to Heaven are open 24 hours a day.

Planning Ahead

February 14...Plan for a couple's Valentine party or make it a Love Feast where members can bring anyone they love...including the grandchildren.

March 10...Women's Ministries Founders Day is the perfect opportunity to share with your church family the program and work of your local W.M. Include a time in your program to share your accomplishments and to recognize special people who have worked hard to reach goals of various ministries.

March Quarterly WM Council Meeting..."To fail to plan is to plan to fail." Gather your officers and ministry group leaders, brainstorm and plan for second quarter. Determine who is responsible for each project/session. Make assignment contacts.

April 8, 15, and 22...HAPPY HEARTS meeting in Clinton, Smithfield and Greenville. Local directors will receive information on places and times.

April 12 and 13...ANNUAL NCWM RETREAT in New Bern, N.C. See local WM Director or call Patsy Deese (252-736-6407) for registration information.

World Intercession Network

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LOVING THE "AGAPE" WAY

When you and I speak or think of Love, thoughts of gift giving come immediately to our minds. We send flowers, buy candy, and tell people we love them; all this seems to express our warmth, gentleness and loving feelings toward them. We also believe that love is expressed with affection, embraces and hugs; all this is good; we have all experienced this "phileo" kind of love. We must remember that God's kind of love has been demonstrated toward us and for us through God's son Jesus, the "agape" kind of love. The sacrificial, benevolent, charitable, time-giving kind of love. That is the kind of love that we as God's church must demonstrate to one another and the world. We must note that the world can detect a temporary, sometimes false and hypocritical kind of love. "Phileo" love is good yet does not give eternal rewards, nor does it last. The world and humanity need the "agape" kind of love, the love of Calvary that lasts an eternity. Jesus is the true Bread of Life and giver of this love. How then can we as God's children and His representatives here on earth demonstrate this kind of "agape" love? Below you will find a recipe and an idea of "agape" love.

A RECIPE FOR A LOVING CHURCH
A Scriptural Loaf

1 heart-shaped baking pan
Rom. 10:9 – Believe with the heart.

3 cups of scriptures on love
Jn. 3:16 – God so loved the world; Deut. 6:5 – Love the Lord your God; Lev. 19:18 – Love your neighbor.

4 cups of a yielded life
I Cor. 13:1-13 – Love must be...

2 cups of prevailing prayer
I Thes. 5:17 – Pray without ceasing.

1 cup of mixed worship
Worship music for adults, teens, and children to enjoy.

1 full cup of blended races
2 Peter 3:9 – None should perish but all should come; Gal. 3:28 – You are one in Christ.

1 cup seasoned Christians

1 can of evangelistic outreach
Friendship Evg. / E.E. / Lighthouses / Pray, Care, and Share

Please blend together all these ingredients. Do not forget to always pour in and bathe in lots of prayer.

Then divide the mixture in 3 loaves (plant three churches) to produce a greater amount (a greater harvest).

This recipe should always yield lots of the "agape" love and multiply itself to yield three wonderful and glorious loaves of bread.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, let's always remember that we have been given and offered the greatest kind of love man can ever know. So now it is our turn to demonstrate the love of Christ to others.

Let us now in return give away His love.

IDEAS OF EXPRESSING GOD'S LOVE.

1. Take time in the morning to pray; then ask God whom you can bless on that day.
2. Ask God how you can be a blessing.
3. Ask God what you can do to be a blessing.
4. Be mindful that love is to be shared and demonstrated first with your family members and then others.
5. Do something special for someone, like sending a card, visiting, calling, writing a letter or a poem, sharing the Word of God, praying with them, just being there in times of trouble and hardship, being a good listener, etc.
7. Love by forgiving those who have hurt you, and pray blessings on them.
8. Help someone in financial need.
9. Pray for those in authority over you.
10. Love unconditionally, be committed. Love is not a feeling but a commitment. Be loyal, stand in and finish your race!

These are some ideas of how we can love, being always reminded that when you and I were unlovable, God so loved us that He sent Jesus in full demonstration of what true love is all about.

God so loved that He gave; now it's time for you and me also to give ourselves fully to God and the work of the Kingdom.

Let the love of God transform you into a vessel of His love this year.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Recently, while attending an A.I.M.S. (Accelerating International Mission Strategies) training event, I heard a definition of missions that has "grabbed hold" of me. *"Missions exists because worship doesn't."* What a tremendous, a challenging definition of missions, which is the heartbeat of God. God is the God of mission; Jesus was the first missionary; and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of missions. In creating and placing man in the Garden of Eden, making him in His image and likeness, God was positioning man to worship Him, to give Him the "worth" due His name. Throughout scripture and history, man's greatest blessing, privilege and benefit is in worshiping God in spirit and in truth. Of course true worship can be realized only by first having a right relationship with God through the Son. Yet because of the Fall and because of man's innate desire to worship something, a "higher power," man has turned his own way and worshiped every god imaginable. In eternity God knew of man's fall and set in motion the way to return – Jesus Christ. Not only is God the creator; He is the redemptive God. His purpose is to redeem, to buy back what Satan has stolen, and He went to the extreme because before the foundations of the world it was determined that the Son would pay the price to purchase man's salvation. What a God of mission! The heavenly Father wants to be worshiped; that is His nature, and He wants to share eternity's bounty and blessing with those worshipers. He is the God of mission, who challenges, commands, intends for us to be His extension of mission. What a tremendous challenge, privilege and responsibility for us who are saved, for the IPHC to join the God of mission in reaching the world, the nations (countries), tribes and peoples (people groups). We who have been commissioned by our Lord to carry the gospel to every creature have had success; however, the challenge of billions who still have not heard rings loud and clear. God fully intends to save the nations, and we are His hands, feet, eyes and mouth to carry out this momentous task. Several times in the Revelation, a host of people in heaven out of every tribe, tongue, people and nation are mentioned as being around the throne praising and glorifying God. That includes every country, border, geographic region, people group, and language. It is not His will that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. The infinite grace and provision of God includes everyone. Can we not begin to get the picture that He is the God of mission?

Not only is He the God of mission; Jesus was the first missionary. "For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." This familiar verse is filled with the miraculous. God gave His Son; the Son came willingly to the world, not just to the affluent, the advanced nations, the civilized world – but to everyone. Jesus was indeed history's first missionary, for He came "to seek and to save that which was lost." That is a tremendous incentive for the IPHC to maintain and expand the trust of missions. Jesus said in John 20:21, "As the Father has sent Me, even so send I you." Now we are commissioned with the challenge to *evangelize* our world. This is true not only to the far reaches of the earth but also in the United States of America. In recent decades God has opened wide the door of evangelizing the peoples of the world by bringing millions to America. No longer can we concentrate our time, efforts and finances only on regions beyond; there is a wealth of opportunity here in the States. In Acts 1:8 Jesus revealed His heart for missions: "But you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The challenge of missions/evangelism makes evangelists of every Christian. As our Lord came to this earth as history's first missionary, He has commissioned everyone to *go*.

He empowers the Christian(s) to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. The Holy Spirit is truly "up to something" in Eastern North Carolina, in America and all over the world. The Holy Spirit is busily engaged in opening doors and thrusting forth laborers into His harvest. The IPHC is challenged, blessed with more opportunities and privileges to advance the gospel than at any time in our short history. I pray the Holy Spirit to be poured out on this conference and denomination without measure so that we can complete our mission to evangelize the world.

Missions exists because worship doesn't. It is my desire that the earth be populated with worshipers of the one true and living God.

Thank you to the people of the North Carolina Conference for your continued support of Evangelism / World Missions Ministries – the work would be nil without you pastors and church people. Yet remember, we've only scratched the surface. 2002 will be a banner year in Evangelism / World Missions!

Remember our first Church Planter's School in Falcon on March 21-23.

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Church Education Ministries Director

As Paul began his letter to the Christians in Colossae, he gave thanks for them, and for the way they first responded to the "good news" of the gospel. It had transformed their lives and molded them into a faithful church.

Someone said that for today's Christians the "good news" is no longer good, nor is it news. We have grown accustomed to the gospel, but it should never be routine for a child of God. Some believers treat their salvation like a consolation prize: if they get nothing else out of life, at least they will go to heaven. That God loves us, that Christ died for our sins on the cross, that we have eternal life – all this should thrill us every day!

Our new life in Christ began when we responded by faith to the gospel. No longer "babes in Christ," we still want to grow and mature as Christians, but we cannot leave the gospel behind! In fact, as we live for the Lord, we are constantly being measured by the gospel. Let us apply this truth in two areas.

First, our church itself is measured by the gospel. As Paul reviewed the early days of the Colossian church, he touched on several influences the gospel should exert on the fellowship of believers. We can frame them as questions and test our own church by the answers.

1. *Are we true to the gospel message?* The gospel had come to the Colossians (v. 6) and they were proclaiming it as they had learned it. Some Christians think that being spiritually "deep" means leaving the simple truths behind. Actually, things that can be simply stated are often the most profound – such as the words "I love you." We need to be sure that the words that first brought us to Christ are still presented in the pulpit, the Sunday School classroom, the Bible-study group. The gospel is a source of God's grace, and we must be true to its message.
2. *Are we bearing fruit and increasing?* The message of salvation is not sterile or stagnant. It produces life by "bringing forth fruit" (v. 6). Are we seeing people come to Christ through the different ministries of our church?
3. *Are we a loving church family?* Paul had been told of the love demonstrated in the Colossian church (v. 8), and that love was a result of their response to the gospel. When we are mutually concerned about winning the lost and sharing our faith, it produces a harmony within the body that prevents unkindness.

Church leaders make a lot of decisions about budgets, staff programs, services, and curriculum. In making those decisions, we have to consider whether they will further the gospel – because our church is evaluated in the light of its truths.

The second application of this passage is to our personal lives, which are also measured by the gospel. A church is made up of individuals, and God will hold us to account for what we have done with the gospel message. Our responsibility here is threefold:

First, we are responsible for *what* we have heard. The Colossians "heard...the word of the truth of the gospel" (v. 5), and what they heard affected the way they lived. They began the process of growing toward maturity. Is what you have heard becoming ingrained in your daily life?

Second, we are also responsible for *sharing* what we have heard. The Colossians did not keep the gospel to themselves. They shared it, and there was fruit and increase (v. 6). The gospel is worth possessing, and it is worth passing on.

Third, we are responsible to *love*. Christian love is inclusive – "for all the saints" (v. 4) – and is produced by the Holy Spirit (v. 8). The gospel reveals how much God loves us, and God's love in us enables us to be loving. A Christian who is close to God's heart will not be critical or unkind. But if we begin to take the gospel for granted, we may lose some of the energizing power of our "first love."

We are being measured by the gospel. Don't be nervous about that, as though God were looking over your shoulder all the time. But let us take seriously our accountability as a church and as individuals to the truth that is still "good news."

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Remember... *T.E.A.M* – Together Everyone Accomplishes More

The Leadership House, an academic community at the University of South Florida dedicated to understanding servant leadership, uses the goose as its mascot.

Geese, of course, fly in a "V" formation for several reasons. By flying together, they provide an uplift that makes them more efficient as a group. They encourage one another vocally. They take turns flying "point" so that the leader doesn't wear down. And when a goose gets sick or wounded, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with the goose until it either is able to fly again or dies. Only then do they launch out on their own.

The lessons:

- ✔ People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier.
- ✔ It is a good idea to take turns doing the difficult tasks and sharing leadership; interdependency is important.
- ✔ Those who lead need encouragement from others.
- ✔ We too should stand by one another in difficult times as well as when we are strong.

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North Carolina Conference Church Education Ministries Convention

Friday Evening – March 1, 2002
Time – 7:30 p.m.
Speaker: Rev. Stan Toler –"Teaching to Influence Lives"

Saturday Morning – March 2, 2002
Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.
Workshops are scheduled to end at 12:45 p.m.
Falcon, NC
Conference Tabernacle

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Doug Beacham – "Rediscovering the Power of Sunday School"
Rev. Stan Toler – "Teaching to Influence Lives"
Royal Rangers Representatives – "What You Need to Know About Pinewood Derby Racing"
Sandra Britt – "How to Start a Missionettes Program in Your Church"
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Tony and Sandy Sasser – "Divorce Recovery – Where Do I Start?"
Luis Avila – "Hispanic Church CEM"

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Registration Form

Registration: You need to preregister only for Saturday, March 2, 2002. The Friday evening session with Stan Toler does not require pre-registration. Everyone preregistered for Saturday's training will receive a free tape and book.

Cost: Saturday, March 2, 2002 Day of Training is $10.00 per person, or your church may send an unlimited number of folks for just $50.00.

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He Has Risen

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

PASTORS / PREACHERS AT RISK!

At present there are thirteen pulpits open in the churches of the N.C. Conference. In the last year the average number open has been seven to eight. This is not a critical number, but it is alarming. In one recent week alone, I had to minister to three pastor families as a result of moral failure.

It is a crisis time in our country and crisis time in the lives of our pastors and preachers. They must receive some help, and help them we must! Greater is He that is within us than he that is in the world.

Allow me to quote from a powerful book I recently revisited, *Pastor At Risk* by H. B. Condon, Jr. and Neil B. Wiseman:

> The prevailing crisis among pastors is crystal clear. Contemporary spiritual leaders are under a two-fold assault – one within and one without.
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> On the inside of the church, many believers have succumbed to the snares of secularism. Pastors deal with diluted dedication, family disintegration, superficial commitments; and an accepted churchly consumerism no longer has interest in sacrifice, suffering, or servanthood. Well-worn, friendly old words are still used, but the new meanings refer to a Jesus who provides comfortable happiness and makes no demand on conduct or money. Without our realizing it, the enemy has secularized the churc without a shot being fired by anyone.
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> Outside the church, pastors face a new dark age, where the masses have no Christian memory, success is king, and faith issues are far down the average person's priority list after the PTA meeting, latest video release, Little League game, or weekend diversion.The secular masses simplydo not see the point. Even though they are sometimes magnanimous toward pastors, they really think ministers are wasting their lives for an absurd cause.
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> However, a penetrating insight from Charles Colson lights a hopeful sunrise in this dark night: "History pivots on the actions of individuals, both great and ordinary." If Colson is right, then every pastor needs to hear and heed the ancient question of Queen Esther,
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> "Who knows but whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14, RSV)
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> Who knows? God knows. Ever individual pastor makes a difference; the church and the world need every pastor serving at their best for such a time as this.

RISK FACTORS

Consider the following sobering survey results of the personal and professional lives of the clergy:

- 90% of pastors work more than 46 hours a week.
- 80% believed that pastoral ministry affected their families negatively.
- 33% said that being in ministry was an outright hazard to their families.
- 75% reported a significant stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry.
- 50% felt unable to meet the needs of the job.
- 90% felt they were inadequately trained to cope with min is try demands.
- 70% say they have a lower self-esteem now than when they started out.
- 40% reported a serious conflict with a parishioner at least once a month.
- 37% confessed to having been involved in inappropriate sexual behavior with someone in the church.
- 70% do not have someone they consider a close friend.

1991 Survey of Pastors
Fuller Institute of Church Growth

A strong church is the first line of defense for healthy families; and healthy families are the building blocks of stable communities. But there's a complicating catch. The pastor, in addition to carrying this heavy responsibility for the church and society, usually has a family of his own at home. All too often, time spent in ministry equals time away from spouse and kids. If family stability isn't attacked and eroded at one end of the scale, it seems it will be at the other!

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This is a serious and delicate situation. And caught in the middle of it all, trying (frantically, sometimes) to keep both ends of the candle burning, is that person we know as the professional minister: a human being like the rest of us, who increasingly finds himself working against a legion of obstacles, unrealistic expectations, and stresses and strains unique to his position in the world.

If the pastor's family suffers, the entire church suffers. And if the church fails to be what it should be, society goes a little further adrift.

Something has to be done. The N.C. Conference leadership is committed to build the kingdom of God. In order to do so, we must build people – lay and clergy leadership.

The N.C. Conference Mission statement – The N.C. Conference of the IPHC is a full gospel organism of believers created to glorify God and increase Christ's kingdom by equipping pastors and church leaders to be successful at winning the lost, discipling believers, and multiplying believers and churches for ministry in the 21st century.

In 2002 the leadership of the conference is focusing on seven areas in which pastors/ministers need help. These are:

- Personal Development
- Spiritual Vitality
- Reaching and Assimilating People
- Empowering Leaders
- Leading the Leaders
- Cultural Relevance
- Keeping the Vision and Values Alive

We are believing the Lord for help from the pastors/ministers from these sources:

- Prayer and guidance from the Holy Spirit
- The Conference Leadership Team
- Fellow Clergy
- Local Church Ministries
- Lay Members of the Church

Succeed we must! Succeed we will! It is HIS Work. Together We Can!

Tributes

Rev. Norman Wade Butts
December 13, 1927 - January 13, 2002

Rev. Norman Butts was laid to rest in Pinewood Memorial Park on January 17, 2002. A service of celebration and comfort preceded the interment. The service was held at the Saint Paul Church in Greenville at 2:00 p.m. The service was a powerful one. The church was filled, and many used the overflow areas.

Brother Butts was born on December 13, 1927, to Wade and Nannie Williams Butts. He was saved in 1949 under the preaching of Rev. Vertie Scott of Virginia. He accepted the call to preach in 1950. He married Earline Stokes in February 1951 and began pastoring at the age of 26. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1954 and retired in 1990. He was ordained in 1956 by Bishop J. A. Synan.

Pastor Butts served faithfully in the following churches:

Grimesland 1954-1957
Windsor 1957
Bethany 1958-1962
Farmville 1962-1966
Snow Hill 1966-1972
Brentwood 1972-1982
Bethany 1982-1990

He was a church builder in more ways than one. All total, he physically built over 13 churches. Three of these he pastored. Heaven only will reveal the number of souls saved and the number of lives built spiritually. Norman Butts was a normal, hard-working man who believed in the miracle workings of a supernatural God.

After suffering a stroke in 1989, he retired in 1990 and moved back to Greenville and returned to his home church, Saint Paul. He did not give up on life nor His God. Faithfully did he attend church and all conference functions. His faith and trust in God were an inspiration to many.

He is survived by his wife, Earline; two daughters, Pamela and husband, Dempsey Dupree of Tarboro; Wanda and husband, John Masters of Marietta, Georgia. He loved his two grandchildren, Dama Elizabeth and Christopher Bryan Masters. He is survived by one brother, Rev. Linwood Butts of Greenville, and one sister, Evelyn Harris of New Bern.

Brother Butts will be missed here. He was loved by all who knew him.

Superintendent Chris Thompson

Mrs. Madrid Crimper Evans
(Mrs. James R. Evans)

It was my privilege and honor to assist Pastor Dwight Dunning in the funeral celebration service of Sister Madrid Evans on Monday, July 28 at 11:00 a.m. The services where held at the Parrish Funeral Home in Selma. Burial was beside her husband, Rev. James R. Evans.

Tributes

(Continued from page 3)

Sister Evans was born July 6, 1919, to David and Nancy Jane Crumpler of Clayton, N.C. She was born again in 1947. She was married to Rev. James Evans on November 23, 1934. They were married for 53 years. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dolores Smith. She is survived by one son, Jimmy Evans, and five daughters: Rudean Hawley, Linda Johnson, Marie Phillips, Janie Mozingo and Jo Anna Thompson. There are sixteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Madrid Evans was one special lady. She was my pastor's wife for a period of time when I was a student at Holmes. She was a source of strength and encouragement.

She served faithfully alongside her husband in 22 years of pastoral ministry. Together they pastored eight churches. These were Lamm's Grove, Niagara, Warsaw, Calypso, Micro, Airboro, and Manley Grove. It could easily be said that "she did what she could" for the Savior and His kingdom.

Sister Evans was known for her hard work and commitment to Christ. She used her talent as a singer to bless many. She was a seamstress, making her clothes. The church ladies remember her creativity and good talent. For a time she worked at Dixie Bell Textiles in Pine Level. Here was a sweet lady who blessed many with her sweetness.

"The dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The gospel of a life like hers
Is more then books or scrolls."
-Whittier

Superintendent Chris Thompson

Norman Doner Lucas, Sr.
September 13, 1922 - January 8, 2002

A service of worship and tribute was held for Rev. Doner Lucas, Sr. on Friday, January 8, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in the J. A. Culbreth Camp Meeting Auditorium in Falcon. It was a powerful service. Brother Lucas was laid to rest in Falcon Memorial Cemetery.

What follows is a part of a tribute published in the funeral bulletin.

Norman Doner Lucas was born in Falcon, North Carolina, September 13, 1922, to Claudia and Nassie R. Lucas. He was a very young child when his mother passed away. Sometime after her passing, his father married Florence Lee and there ensued between them a loving, long-lasting mother-son relationship. Doner was raised on a farm and was taught values of hard work. His father, a good man who cast his lot with Holiness people early on, was a man of prayer. So Doner's home was a place where prayer was a regular way of life.

Doner's parents operated a concession stand each year during the Falcon Camp Meeting. It was here that he met his bride-to-be, Katherine Durham. However, Uncle Sam called Doner to serve in the U.S. Army in World War II. His overseas assignment took him to Germany and Czechoslovakia. When the war ended, he hastened home and was later married to Katherine on August 18, 1946.

God blessed Doner and Katherine with three lovely children: Donna Kay, Norman Doner, Jr. (Don), and Jessica Lynne. As the years went by, the children were married and then along came Doner's little "hearthrobs"...the grandchildren! There were eight of them: Jonna, Jarod, Brittney, Katie, Alex, William, Brooke, and Blaire. He was never happier than when all the grandkids were home.

It was on September 29, 1953, that Doner gave his heart to the Lord and was saved in the Culbreth Memorial Church here in Falcon. Not only was he saved, but God also called him to preach the Gospel. In 1954 he was enrolled as a student at Holmes Bible College, Greenville, South Carolina. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1956, continued his education at Holmes, and graduated in 1957. During the annual conference in 1958, Bishop J. A. Synan ordained him to the Gospel ministry.

The first seven years of his ministry were spent in evangelism. He was a good evangelist, and many souls were won to the Lord during these years. In 1962, the Lord directed him to enter the pastoral ministry. He pastored Roper, Wallace, Oak Street in Goldsboro, Tarboro First, Mt. Carmel in Fayetteville, Wilson First, and Nigara in Kenly.

In 1986 he retired for a few short weeks before once again assuming the role of pastor. He was assigned to the Niagara Pentecostal Holiness Church, where he served until the Lord took him home. Except for these "few short weeks" of retirement, he spent almost forty years in the pastorate and seven years evangelizing. What a record!

Doner was actively in the Falcon Youth Camps. He served on various boards, including Christian Education and Evangelism, but his joy was working in youth camps. Among other assigned responsibilities, he loved working with children in horseback riding. He did this every week of camp for seventeen years. The kids loved and respected him. Young people were his passion, and he enjoyed their company.

While pastoring the Oak Street Church in Goldsboro, the youth choir would travel often by bus to sing at various churches and events. As a matter of having good fun, Pastor Lucas taught them the song, "Goodnight, Irene." Their trips always ended with him singing the verse and the choir backing him up on the chorus. There was absolutely no "generation gap" between him and his young people! He was so personable with everyone that a stranger might become confused with the vast number of adults and children who called him "Uncle Doner," "Pa," or "Papa." His extended family was numbered in the thousands, and that's the way he liked it.

During the years, there have been the usual physical problems that come to all of us. Doner had his share. But in recent time he learned that he had cancer and that it was terminal. Those of us who knew him grieved for him, for we know how much he loved life and living. In fact, few of those who were often in his fellowship ever knew, or even thought to ask, how old he was, for his demeanor was so full of life that one didn't think about age when around him. He was really the youngest 79-year-old that many of us have ever known.

Soon after finding that his cancer was terminal, he said, "I love preaching more than anything. It is so precious to be called a Christian, and whatever happens, me and the Lord ain't gonna have a falling out over it."

This was the kind of man he was. He was one of a kind. To know him was to love him.

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"Father Figure – Advice Your Dad Never Gave You."

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The number one concern of Christian parents is, "Will my children stay true to the Christian faith?" Statistically speaking, the odds are against us: Eighty percent of children growing up in evangelical homes will stop attending church by the end of their senior year in high school.

By God's grace, I have two grown children who are still walking with the Lord. Let me tell you why.

Of course, the spiritual and ultimate answer is the sovereign grace and mercy of a good and holy God, who answers prayer. Practically speaking, my wife, Patsy, and I added a few things that, looking back, seem to have helped.

As a dad, I decided early on that no amount of success at work would ever compensate for failure at home. So I made some hard decisions:

1. ***I decided not to work past 6 p.m.****, on weekends or to take work home. This was tough because I love to work.*
2. ***I gave myself to my children from the time I got home until they went to bed****. Well, almost from the time I got home. First I would take 15 minutes to change clothes, wash the grease off my face, look at the mail and see what kind of day Patsy was having. When my kids were young, we played board games: endless repetitions of Chutes and Ladders and mind-numbing rounds of Candy Land, both of which require the IQ of a goldfish. When they were older, I attended all of their sports and activities.*
3. ***When they didn't really want to have dad as their "friend" anymore, I started dating them****. Each week I took one child to dinner, the next week the other one. They genuinely looked forward to the special time with dad.*
4. ***Patsy and I both made a point of telling each child, "I Love you, and I'm proud of you" every day.*** *Sometimes, when you're mad enough to unscrew their heads, I'll admit it can be hard to find anything worth praising.*
5. ***We had regular family devotions****. During the school year, but not summer, we took 15 minutes before school three orfour times a week. Usually I would tell a relevant story or quote, read a Bible verse, then relate them togethe . I set an alarm so they could relax that I wouldn't make them late for school.*
6. ***We paid our children to do daily devotions.*** *We told them, "If you will do a daily devotion for at least 25 days each month, we'll buy you a CD." They said, "That's nice, Dad." "That's not all," we added. "In addition, if you do your devtions at least 25 days each month for 10 out of 12, we'll pay you $250. You can miss any two months and still get paid." Their eyes popped open. "But that's not all. If you will do your devotions all 12 months in a row, we'll double the amount and pay you $500. And you still only have to do 25 days a month." You may be thinking to yourself, that sounds like a bribe. Here's what I can tell you: My kids did regular devotions all through high school, few of their friends did, and one year they said, "Mom and Dad, you don't have to pay us. We're going to be doing this anyway." And they still do devotions now. In fact, both teach Bible studies.*
7. ***We made our children go to church.*** *Many parents ask, "Should we force our children to go to church if they don't want to go?" This can best be answered by another question, "Should we force our children to go to school if they don't want to go?"*
8. ***We ate dinner together as a family.*** *And there were compromises. Sometimes we had to eat early. Sometimes we had to eat late. Sometimes we had to eat at Burger King.*
9. ***We prayed for our children every day****. Patsy realized that we were probably the only people in the whole wide world who would be willing to pray for our children on a daily basis.*
10. ***We did everything we could to lead our children to faith in Jesus Christ.*** *We shared how to receive Christ at the appropriate time, which means we had to learn how to share our faith effectively. I concluded that if I didn't have enough time for my kids, I could be 100 percent certain that I was not following God's will for my Life.* ***Men, let's give time to whom time is due.***

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Building His Church...by Discipling Men

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Lines From Linda

"What goes around comes around."

Did you ever hear that saying? It certainly was true in regard to a friend of our family. His name was John Sabiston. He was quite an interesting person. I was told that John came from a well– to – do family, but because he was mentally handicapped, they rejected him. Somehow John came to our community, and Daddy and Moma took him in. I was just a baby at the time, so I have no recollection of John during the time he lived with us and helped my father work on the farm. I was told stories of some of the funny things John said and did. One in particular that always surfaces in my mind was of the hot summer day when he wanted my mother to make him an orange drink. Apparently this drink was made from a powdered mix which Moma had. The problem was that they did not have any ice in the icebox to go in the drink, so John walked nearly a mile to the store to get ice. He came running back home from the store holding the big block of ice in his hands and crying from the pain of the cold. Yet he was determined to have that cold orange drink.

John would stay with our family for a while and then off to another place. This seemed to be his life pattern. Sometime later in the early '40s, while he was in another community, he was accused of assaulting someone and was sent to Dorothea Dix Hospital, an institution for the mentally handicapped. Apparently he gave the officials of Dorothea Dix Hospital my father's name as his guardian. Through the years Daddy was one of the few people who kept in touch with John. Every now and then a letter would arrive from the hospital needing permission for one thing or another for John or just simply delivering a message to us from John.

Back then, Raleigh was a long way from Vanceboro, so I had never met John. I had heard of him all those years and of how he had held me and rocked me when I was a baby. I was very curious about this mystery person. So it was only natural that when I moved to Raleigh to go to college, I began visiting John at Dorothea Dix Hospital. I shall never forget my first visit. Not knowing what to expect, I asked my roommate to go with me. When we arrived and notified the receptionist of our desire to visit with John, a guard came to escort us to his room. We walked through a very large room of people with various levels of mental retardation who glared at us every step of the way.

I must admit, having never been in such a situation before, I was very uncomfortable .

However, upon being introduced to John, I felt as if I had always known him. He immediately began relating to me many of the same stories of events that my family had shared with me through the years. From that moment on, I felt that John was family. While I was in college, I visited him often and even brought him home on visits. Some years later, the state reversed the Dorothea Dix residency policies; and John was sent to a nursing home in Morehead City. By this time my father was in very poor health both physically and mentally. His condition resulted in his moving to a local nursing home. Our family requested that John be moved to the same home, and he was. At this point, Daddy was more mentally deficient than John. And wouldn't you know it! John, then, was overseeing Daddy's welfare. In our daily visits to see Daddy, we always found John's wheelchair right beside Daddy's. If Daddy had a bad day, John let us know it. If Daddy needed anything, John was his greatest advocate.

It was such an interesting turn of events. For all those years Daddy had befriended this man who was a ward of the state. In the end, John was there to care for him. John lived a few years after Daddy's passing. He brought us much joy. He always had a twinkle in his eye and a funny story to tell us . When he passed away, our family paid his funeral expenses and buried him in a cemetery plot which belonged to my brother. The nursing home director gave me his personal belongings . . . all of two or three changes of clothing and a wooden box in which he had a few items. That box is very special to me to this day. It reminds me of how God put two people together early in life; and after years of separation, he brought them back together for a purpose. Little did any of us realize that God would use John Sabiston to be Daddy's guardian angel during his last days on earth.

"What goes around comes around."

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body" (Hebrews 13:2, 3).

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE...

Lighthouse Healing Ministries, under the direction of Dr. George Brackman, offers early intervention, crisis treatment, and prevention methods in his practice. Dr. Brackman is an ordained Pentecostal Holiness minister. He holds a B.A. and M.Ed. from Campbell University, Th.B. from Holmes Bible College, D. Min. from Luther Rise Seminary, and has done graduate studies at North Carolina State University. He is a licensed professional counselor, licensed by the North Carolina Board of Professional Counselors. His counseling emphasis includes children and adolescents, couples, and family intervention.

If your home is in turmoil or you have a child with problems, you may find it comforting to know that there are Christian counselors who can advise you according to the Word of God.

You may learn more about Lighthouse Healing Ministries at **www.lighthousehealingministries.com.** Dr. Brackman may be reached by phone at:

910-658-5215 or 910-892-2273.

KITCHEN TIPS...

- *Drop a lettuce leaf into a pot of homemade soup to absorb excess grease from the top.*
- *If you've oversalted your soup or vegetables, drop a slice of raw potato in it to remedy the situation.*
- *A slice of raw potato also will re-crisp limp celery. Just put them into cold water for a few hours.*
- *Peelings are appealing, especially those Irish or sweet potatoes. Wash and drain them thoroughly. Put them in your deep fryer until done. Drain & use with dips or salt them to eat as chips.*

Delicious!

2002 WM LEADERSHIP SEMINAR...

Over 325 Women's Ministries Leaders gathered in Fayetteville, NC, at the Mount Carmel Pentecostal Holiness Church on Saturday, January 26, for a day of leadership training. *LifeKeys... Unlocking Your Leadership Potential* was the theme for the workshops. The Mount Carmel WM ladies served coffee, juice, and doughnuts as they welcomed everyone to their lovely new Fellowship and Training Center. The building was beautifully decorated and most inviting.

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. when Mrs. Gaynelle Autry, Mount Carmel WM Director, gave the offering welcome. Mrs. Dollie Davenport and several members of the Mount Carmel WM presented a beautiful devotional on the Lord's Prayer, after which Mrs. Patsy Payne, Fayetteville District WM Director, led the group in prayer.

The first workshop, *Life Gifts – Doing What Comes Naturally,* was led by Mrs. Linda Thomas. This session focused on identifying natural giftings that people have and matching their assignments to their natural abilities. The next session, *Spiritual Gifts – God's Special Instruments,* which was led by Mrs. Janice Marshburn, helped to identify spiritual gifts and gave ladies an opportunity to evaluate their spiritual callings. Ms. Meshelder Richardson led the third session, *Personality Types – Melodies for Life.* In this workshop, personality types were explained and opportunity given for ladies to define their personality types and explore the roles for which their personality types were best suited.

At lunch break, a bag lunch was served, and ladies enjoyed a time of fellowshipping as they ate.

Mrs. Patsy Deese began the afternoon with door prizes and followed that with her session on *Values & Passions – What God Puts in Your Heart.* She explained that where we serve in God's Kingdom should be in agreement with the things that we most value. The last session, *Life Choices – Orchestrating Your Priorities,* was led by Linda Thomas. The intent of this session was to help ladies recognize that to be effective in God's Kingdom work, we must make choices as to how we spend our time.

The closing activity of the day was a time of question and answers regarding any concerns of the ladies in attendance. Bins had been strategically placed around the room, and the ladies had used sticky notes to write their concerns. These had been collected during lunch, and board members addressed those concerns. A video showing the programs and projects of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries was the closing feature. Many of the ladies, after viewing the video, said they had not realized the magnitude of Women's Ministries outreaches.

Judging from the evaluations of the meeting which the ladies completed at the end of the training session, they felt it had been a worthwhile and informative training session. The workshops were taken from the book, *LifeKeys,* by Jane A. G. Kise, David Stark and Sandra Kerbs Hirsh. We recommend this book for reading or as a training resource.

THANKS FROM PHYLLIS...

Phyllis Harrell expresses appreciation for the kindness extended at the death of her father, Rev. Nollie Sellers. Your notes, cards, and calls meant so much to her. For anyone wishing to send a memorial gift, the family requests that such gifts be sent to Holmes Bible College, PO Box 14188, Greenville, SC 29610-4188 and that they be designated for the Building Fund in memory of Rev. Nollie Sellers.

World Intercession Network

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CREATED TO SPEAK THE SPOKEN WORD OF GOD

God's spoken word has power in the lips of man! Think about this: God has given man the privilege to speak and quote his word with authority and power. This is called *"Praying the Word." Praying the Word of God Works.* Many of us experienced the results of this supernatural act of praying God's Word and seeing, feeling, and experiencing this great wonder. We have quoted the Word, and it became the source of healing, deliverance, salvation, trust, confidence, and assurance in any given situation.

This year I truly believe that God is asking us as his children to take more time to read His word in order to use it more effectively in our time of prayer. When we quote God's Word, it brings every circumstance to the divine order and purpose of God.

In Exodus 4:11 God asks Moses, "Who has made man's mouth?" then in that same chapter God tells Moses in verse12, "Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." Moses spoke all that God taught him to speak, and the children of Israel were delivered and released as God commanded and said.

As believers we need to grasp this great truth and teaching. God wants us to agree with His divine order of the day. Our speaking to God, called prayer, needs to be done according to His divine order. He has given us everything we need in order to call things upon this earth so that His will and purpose in us may come to pass.

Quoting the Word brings God into a given situation, and we obtain success.

Listed below are a few reasons why we need to study, know and quote the Word of God:

- ❖ Praying His Word is praying His will.
- ❖ Praying His Word is praying in agreement with His plans and purposes.
- ❖ Praying His Word is saying what He would say to a given situation.
- ❖ Praying His Word is speaking on His behalf.
- ❖ Praying His Word is giving Him the authority in a given situation.
- ❖ Praying the Word is activating the supernatural power of God to work.
- ❖ Praying the Word put God in charge of a situation.
- ❖ Praying the Word lets the enemy know that we are in a close relationship with the Father, for we know what He says about a given situation.
- ❖ Praying the Word positions us in the supernatural realm.
- ❖ Praying the Word blocks our negative thoughts.
- ❖ Praying His Word builds our faith.
- ❖ Praying His Word changes the atmosphere.
- ❖ Praying the Word releases the darkness so that the light and truth of that Word can come in.
- ❖ Praying the Word breaks the power of the Devil on the earth.
- ❖ Praying the Word is a sword that divides and releases us from the attack of the enemy.
- ❖ Praying the Word is a shield of protection.
- ❖ Praying the Word is bringing everything into the captivity of God's divine order.
- ❖Praying theWord is what God has given us to quench the arrows of the enemy and fight back.

The Word is the Arsenal of God, and has been given to the Church.

Many of God's people are sick in various situations because they fail to read the Word and pray the Word. Scriptural praying is what brought great miraculous signs and wonders to God's people with great results and even forgiveness. The great men and women of the Bible would always remind God of His Word, Covenants, and Promises. As they saw the hand of God at work in their behalf, so can we.

This year God has given me the desire to read five to ten chapters of the Word daily, and go through it even twice this year. The Word of God is transforming and changing my life each day. He reminds me of His Word in a greater way, so that in my time of prayer His words will continually be on my lips.

"The lips of the wise disperse knowledge" (Prov. 15:7).
"The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright" (Prov.15:2).
"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Psa.19 14).
"I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Psa.34:4).
"My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding." (Psa. 49:3, AMP).

As WIN director of the NC Conference, I would like to remind you of observing the First Friday Fast each month. I am asking each local church to participate in taking time to pray for our Conference Superintendent, Board, Pastors, Ministers, Missionaries, All Ministries, Our Bishop, and General Executive Board. We need to pray the Word and lift each other up as we labor together in the vineyard.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

2001 was indeed a banner year in missions ministry in the North Carolina Conference. Again, to God's glory and thanks to every pastor and church, we once again led the denomination in missions giving. You gave $1,324,200 in total missions giving. We also reached out goal in G.O. (Global Outreach) with $245,021. Recently we finished our 2002 missions meals. We had a total of 519 people in attendance at the 13 meals. During those meals we adopted a total of 35 children in People to People Ministry. Praise God! Our goal for G.O. this year is $265,000. I believe the people of this conference will respond again, and we will surpass that goal. Some of our goals in missions are:

- $265,000 in G.O.
- 3000 members giving at least $100 as their day's wage.
- Every pastor giving a day's wage, which means 100% participation.
- Every church with a missions director/ committee.
- Every church supporting at least one People to People child.
- Every church supporting at least one missionary.
- A goal of $1,450,000 in total missions giving for 2002!

Though this conference has allowed God to do much through us, we've still only scratched the surface. It's all about **Investing in Eternity!** Thank you for what you have done. Thank you for what you will do in 2002.

Following is a letter received from Rev. Luke O. Nnadi, principal of the West Africa Bible College, Lagos, , Nigeria. He was with us in the fall of 2001 F.E.S.Ts, and you gave $1,000 to support two students for two years.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Rev. Nelson,

Sincere greetings and compliments of the season in Jesus' name.

Thank you so much for all your help, love and care shown to me during my visit to your Conference. I will always be grateful to you for the opportunity and exposure given to me during the three days Missions FEST in October 2001.

Management of the West Africa Bible College are very appreciative of the $1001.00 you raised in support of students' sponsorship. I am believing God for more support from the North Carolina Conference. Kindly remember me and West Africa Bible College to the brethren whenever you meet. Thank you for the check of $105 sent to me, it was so helpful. The work here is progressing and much more challenging. We look forward for a better year (2002). Enclosed are some graduation pictures taken during our 18th graduation in November 2001.

Brother Nelson, God has given you a big responsibility as the Missions Director to such a big Conference. He will also give you more wisdom, strength and anointing to continue the good work, in Jesus' name. Kindly give my regards to your family and all the brethren working with you. I wish you all good success this year 2002 in Jesus' name. Thanks and remain blessed."

Sincerely in Christ
Rev. Luke O. Nnadi
National Secretary/
Director, W.A.B.C.

Announcing

THE FIRST

North Carolina Conference Church Planters' School

March 21-23, 2002
(Thursday – Saturday)

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Speakers:	**Dr. Owen Weston** **Rev. Paul Brafford**
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Fire & Ice 2002
Seed Time And Harvest!

Fire and Ice has proved to become more than just a ski trip for a group of Georgtown teenagers. With the excitement of escaping a day of school and the prospect of hitting the slopes and conquering them, a crew of ten teens, three chaperones, and a driver set out for a weekend of Jesus and snow. The snow never arrived, but a life changer called the Holy Spirit showed up in force. Friday's venture to the mountain revealed what we already knew; we are true beach bums, and none of our group would be in Salt Lake City for the Winter Olympics unless we are sitting in the stands. Nonetheless, our guys spent a wonderful day together. The night service, however, would reveal the true heart of this motley band of young believers.

When Sam Glenn took the stage and delivered the absolute funniest message ever, while still calling these kids to a greater commitment of Christian character and attitude, our youth were completely captivated by the Spirit of God Sam displayed. The moment of truth arrived at the close of his message when the 6'7" man began to worship our heavenly Father with a bed sheet, colored chalk, and a worship CD he had playing while he created the most beautiful chalk portrait. These teens were lost in his creation and in the passion for Christ they saw exemplified before them. Everyone sat mesmerized while the process of creation flowed out of Sam, but a connection was made between this anointing and the Maryville PH Youth that would cause these young Christians to stretch themselves like never before. At the close of the service Greg Amos announced that the artwork would be auctioned off in closed bids made on Saturday night, then announced on Sunday morning. The true seller for these kids here when Greg explained that the money for this would be used to help plant a church at Ground Zero in New York City.

Our youth began to approach an overwhelmed youth director named Tanya McCall about their earnest desire to give all they had so that people in New York could have an opportunity to know Jesus because of the church Global Quest wants to plant. Their questions ranged from "How else can we help?" to "Can we go there and help?" Obviously Tanya knew that these kids meant business, so she prayed and told the Lord to help these young people achieve their goal of acquiring this marvelous piece of art. She knew that with this would come the hope of even greater seed planting opportunities. The youth group had $280 in their account, and the entire group agreed to use it all on the bid. A phone call later, Pastor Tommy Cox pledged $500 from the Maryville PH Church. They knew that $780 wouldn't get it done. The true nature of this team surfaced when Tanya went room to room collecting from each teen. Within a matter of minutes these few had raised $520 among themselves to make a secure bid of $1,300. The only stipulation they made was that they would receive the promised hundredfold return that the Word of God declares to be ours, but not in money. They asked that their hundredfold return come in a neat package of 130,000 souls saved in their community and in New York City.

Now that the portrait has found its home in the Maryville Youth room, it has become a constant reminder that the harvest of God's people is on the way and that they must partner in prayer for this great church-planting project. Every Wednesday they take time to pray together over the project, the people behind it, and the souls to reap from the seed that has been planted. This is just further testimony that not every young person is in trouble, though I will say that we can aptly term them "at-risk youth" because these guys are truly at risk of doing damage to the kingdom of darkness. But, more so, they are in line to receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Now that's being at risk!

News from the Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church
Submitted by: Reggie Ethridge

God is doing great things at the Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church. They had a big event on January 30, 2001. There were 84 in attendance. The event was "That '70s Nite". Everyone dressed in his or her '70s clothes. There was a mirrored ball and some lava lamps to decorate the room with. They also had a "Stuff the Van" contest between the guys and the girls. The girls won by stuffing 29 into a Toyota van. The boys came close with 25.

The highlight of the evening was the altar service. Three came forward for salvation, and numerous came forward for rededication. The altar was full with 50 to 60 young people. We also had 15 first–time visitors for the night.

God is on the move at Smyrna, and they wanted to share their excitement with you.

"The Gathering"

April 7, 2002
6:00 p.m.

TWO LOCATIONS:

❊ Clinton Pentecostal Holiness Church
Speaker: Warren Beemer

❊ Kinston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Speaker: Steve Ely

Warren has been able to minister to youth and adults in the United States, Central America, Europe and the Middle East, chalenging them with the testimony of how God's presence has given him life.

The message he spreads is, "God did it for me; if you'll let Him, He'll do it for you."

Steve serves as the National Youth Director of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Steve listens closely for signs of (everlasting) life among youth. In creating "the Pulse" youth ministry, "RAZORS" (Radical Adolescents Serving Our Risen Savior) and "Rated R Drama Team," Steve strives to be on the cutting edge of the teen scene without sacrificing what matters most: the saving power of Christ.

BIBLE QUEST 2002

Saturday morning 9:30 a.m., February 16, 2002, marked the start of the third Bible Quest Tournament of the 2002 Seasons. St.Paul PH Church in Greenville hosted this Quiz with Youth Pastor Jon Oliver and Senior Pastor Allen Mayo graciously setting up and providing refreshments.

Some may think that with only three churches participating in the BQ program, it must have been pretty quiet around St. Paul. To the contrary! Cullbreth Memorial, Benson and St. Paul churches brought a total of eight teams with at least 30 young people excitedly "buzzing in" to declare that studying God's Word is both fun and necessary in becoming victorious Christians. These guys prove over and over that "Bible Quest is not for wimps!"

At the close of the Quiz, 2001 National Teen Bible Quest Champions Culbreth Memorial (B Team) had added another trophy to their crowded case. The Culbreth Memorial Juniors added a trophy of their own in the Junior Bible Quest Division.

Conference Bible Quest Finals will be as follows:

Juniors – Friday night, April 19, 7:00 p.m.

Teens – Friday night, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

Both finals will take place in Falcon at the Conference Training Center. These are the nights before Talent Finals; why not come on down Friday night and stay over on campus for Talent.

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"For the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers are springing up and the time of the singing of birds has come. Yes, spring is here."

Song of Solomon 2:11, 12 (LB)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCES

My, Look What the Lord is Doing!

We have begun the spring round of district conferences. The attendance has been great! Each pastor was asked to bring the board and as many lay leaders as possible. Most are doing so.

The purpose of the meetings is to see what the Lord is doing in our midst and to challenge to greater stewardship. Opportunities for ministry are abounding. One focus of the meeting is to discuss the budget cuts as approved by the General Conference and their intended benefit to the local church.

The Lord is richly blessing the N.C. conference. In the last decade (1991-2000) the membership of the conference has grown by 31% (19,123 to 25,041). The morning worship attendance has grown by 31% (13,619 to 17,799). The net number of churches has grown from 165 to 193.

The year 2001 has proven to be a very productive year. The membership increased by 828 to 25,869. The morning worship average moved ahead by 632 to an average of 18,431. For the first time in several years the Sunday school average increased by 34 to 11,359. Prayerfully, the conference has turned the corner on the downward decline in Sunday school. There were 11 new churches entered on the roll in Oklahoma under the heading of N.C. Conference churches. Praise the Lord for these stats. They represent the souls of men and women, boys and girls. *Look what the Lord is doing!*

The purpose of the budget cuts adopted by the General Conference and cuts to be adopted this year by the quadrennial conference is to benefit the local church. All levels above the local church within the denomination exist to serve and provide resources for the local church. It is hoped that these cuts will not hinder the conference nor General ministries.

This year the conference rebate from the General tithe will increase 15% to 20%. In 2004 the rebate will increase from 20% to 25%. This increase in rebate and increase in giving from the churches will allow the conference to reduce the conference allocation from 8% presently to 4% by the year 2004. The increase in giving from the churches will not come from an increase in percentage allocation, but from a broader base participation.

In the conference new ministries are being developed. The Hispanic ministry is exploding. C. E. has started ministries involving divorce recovery, senior saints, and quarterly gatherings of the youth. Evangelism is moving ahead with church revitalization, new churches, and the new jail reconciliation ministry. A new minister and spouse retreat has been sponsored. A new program of counseling has been instituted for the clergy family. The MWF organization is off and running with a new structure. All these new ministries and many more in the WM and Men's Ministries need funds. The campus is being transformed more and more into a resource and training center. *God is at work!*

The N.C. Conference is advancing certain biblical principles. Living is giving. Serving is desired above surviving. God's mission is eternal. Lives are being built that count. Mission is more important than money. Money follows mission. *Look what the Lord is doing!*

In order to bless and benefit the local church without harming the conference and General ministries several challenges must be realized. The clergy must pay a full tithe. Every church should give some amount to the General tithe and conference allocation. Every church must maintain at least their present level of giving unless they are a fully supporting church. These will benefit first from the cutbacks. Every church should give at least a tithe. Every tithing church (not fully-supporting) should move up at least one percentage point toward full support. As these challenges are realized, integrity will increase. Cooperation will be enjoyed. The level of abundance will greatly increase due to the greater fullness of the Lord's blessings.

Seeds are being planted at District Conference that will bring forth much fruit. "Restore our fortunes, Lord, as streams renew the desert. Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest." Psalms 126:4-6.

We are following God's plan – the biblical tithe – not man's. Ultimately in eight years no church will be giving more than a tithe off the regular receipts to the General and the conference. This would not include any special giving. Man can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed.

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Wasting Time With God: A Christian Spirituality of Friendship with God by Klaus Issler. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2001. 296 pages.

If the chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever, then it seems logical that as Christians we should strive to know God more deeply and to maintain a full-orbed Christian spirituality that develops through time and produces lasting value to the believer. Issler, professor of Christian education and theology at Talbot School of Theology, offers a model for growing a lasting friendship with God that includes seven character traits and disciplines designed to enrich the relationship and enable the believer "to become attuned to the immaterial realm of God."

The title of the publication, designed to get one's attention, implies that wasting time with God is not sin, but represents progress in one's fellowship with Him. It is never wasting time when a believer spends time with God in meditation, confession, and prayer. The problem so many Christians face today is blocking out quality time with God. Busyness and, at times, just pure frantic living are not conducive to growing more deeply in one's relationship with the Lord. Most people simply do not have the time anymore to spend hours upon hours with God, or so it seems.

Ministers and other Christian workers must ask themselves, "What is driving me? What activities and responsibilities dominate my time? Can some of those activities be altered and some of those responsbilities shared with or delegated to others?" If you are to have more time to "waste time" with God, then some lifestyle changes need to be considered and evaluated.

The value of the book lies here. It takes the reader step by step through the process of finding more time to spend quality time with God, and then lays out special disciplines necessary for this "wasting time" to be as profitable as possible. Growing deeply in the faith requires intentional and deliberate planning. Certain foundational requirements must be met to make room for God in our lives. But the payoff is worth it.

Preaching With Passion by Alex Montoya. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 2000. 160 pages.

Burning conviction. For preaching to be passionate this must be present. It graduates beyond saying something, to saying something that people desperately need to hear. Montoya, pastor and seminary professor at The Master's Seminary in Sun Valley, California, presents eight characteristics of passionate preaching: (1) spiritual power (2) conviction (3) compassion (4) authority (5) urgency (6) brokenness (7) your whole being, and (8) imagination. He describes the essence of preaching as energetic thinking, spiritual power, and passionate delivery.

Becoming a passionate preacher doesn't come easy. More often than not, a furnace of affliction awaits the man or woman who aspires to speak boldly and compassionately for God. The preacher who lives on a flowery bed of ease seldom becomes passionate in preaching. The self must die to keep from ministering in one's own strength and seeking one's own glory. Perhaps the greatest challenge a preacher faces is the preacher.

The aim of the book is quite simple: to prevent the man or woman of God called to preach the infallible, living Word of God from being known as boring or dull. Dull preaching is a contradiction in terms. Dynamic, passionate preaching means delivering the message of God to people who desperately need to hear it. It includes light as well as heat. All heat and little light wear the congregation out, while all light and little or no heat put them to sleep. The right balance must be found. As a preacher myself, I know sometimes you feel some in the audience missed the whole point, like the lady who told the preacher after the service. "Your sermon hit close to home. It was perfect for my next-door neighbor."

Supported by scripture and enhanced by many valuable quotes from proven passionate preachers of the past and present, *Preaching with Passion* is a valuable resource to encourage the minister to preach passionately, accurately, effectively, and authoritatively in these last days. The book makes a delightful addition to the homiletical treatment of Vines, Lloyd Jones, Ramm, Olford, Evans, Robinson, Broadus, Wiersbe, Koller, Hendricks, Chapell and MacArthur. Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Lines from Linda...

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

Last night as I watched the six o'clock news, I saw reports of our service men being killed and wounded in Afghanistan. I saw reports of suicide bombers in Israel. I saw reports of a young man wielding a pistol and making threatening remarks in our county courthouse (where our attorney son, Scott, was in the courtroom). It seems that there is turmoil on every hand.

Sometimes in the midst of all the calamities of life, we feel so helpless. But this morning as I read Psalm 46, I was again reminded that God is still in control. The psalmist there describes great calamities. Earthquakes...*"the earth be removed and carried into the midst of the sea."* Floods...*"waters thereof roar and be troubled...swelling."* These are some of the desolations which the human race must face.

"The heathen rage...the kingdoms moved"...sound like descriptors that our news anchors might use. War and wickedness are not things that have just surfaced. These were the setting of the writing of this Psalm. Much of recorded history is written to specifically describe situations such as our world is experiencing today.

It could be easy to become distressed, even depressed, if we lose sight of who is in control. So, lest we become discouraged and disturbed, let's take another look at what the psalmist had to say: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."* He is with us. He is our shelter. He is the source of our strength. *"The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."* At the very sound of His voice, the earth will melt, and we will be taken to the beautiful City of God.

So, what are we to do? Worry? Fret? No, a thousand times, no! We are to be concerned and pray for our nation. We are to pray for those in authority. We are to hold on to God and pray for His purposes to be accomplished. But instead of being anxious and fearful, we can rejoice in knowing that God is in control. We must trust Him and know that in our helplessness, He is our all. When there is nothing we can do, He can do the most.

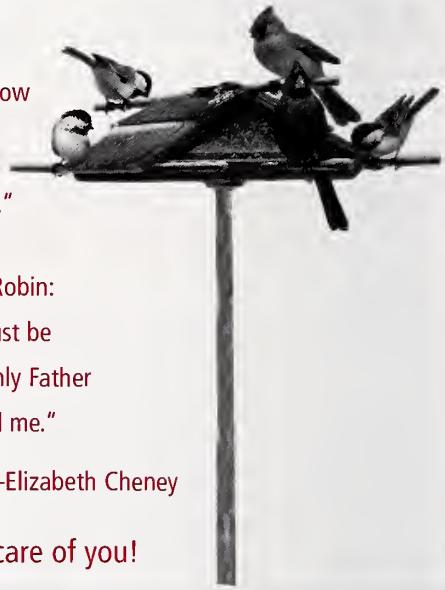
Let us be still and know that He is God.

Said the Robin to the Sparrow:
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so."

Said the Sparrow to the Robin:
"Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."

–Elizabeth Cheney

God will surely take care of you!



Past General WM Director and past NCWM Director Dollie Davenport is still active in her local WM at Mt Carmel P.H. Church. She recently led the devotion for the NCWM Leadership Seminar – and was assisted by members of her local WM. They hosted 325 ladies who attended the annual training event.

Love: A Reflection of His Image

A group of women were studying the book of Malachi. As they studied the third chapter, they read verse three which says: *"He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."*

This verse puzzled the women and they wondered what this statement implied about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and report back to the group at their next Bible study. That week she made an appointment with a silversmith, with the understanding that she wanted to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest in silver other than her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched, the silversmith held a piece of silver over the fire and heated it. He explained that, in refining silver, one must hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames are the hottest in order to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about how God holds his children when they are in such a hot spot. Then she thought again of the verse, *"He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."* She asked the silversmith if it were true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. "Yes," the silversmith said, "I not only have to sit here holding the silver, but I also have to keep my eyes on the silver the entire time it is in the fire. If I leave the silver in the flames for even a moment too long, it will be destroyed."

The lady was silent for a moment before she asked, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's the easy part...when I see my image reflected in it."

May our love always be a reflection of the image of God.

Every Life Impacting Another...

In an evangelistic outreach effort to touch the unchurched, the ladies of Jacksonville Women's Ministries hosted "Friend Day" in February. Prior to the celebration, the ladies volunteered to cover the meeting with prayer. Pretty invitations were mailed to unchurched female friends and coworkers inviting them to attend. The fellowship hall was decorated with teddy bears holding hearts and sitting on mirrors to emphasize the theme, "Love - A Reflection of His Image."

The program included time to laugh and to pray for each other, and some even shed tears as love was expressed. Those present enjoyed a fun "Get Acquainted" game. Janice Marshburn sang a most appropriate song, "I'll Talk to My Father for You," after which the members joined hands with their invited guests and did just that. Stacey Thompson gave a scarf-tying demonstration. Cute stories were shared by various ladies in the group. A demonstration was given showing how to display costume jewelry pins on a cushion rather than stuffing them in a jewelry box.

There were door prizes, as well as gifts for the invited guests. Holly Bland gave a very timely devotion using red M&Ms as part of her object lesson. Following the program, a delicious lunch was served. Two wonderful hours were spent by these ladies as they allowed the love of Christ to be expressed and felt.

The following week each guest was sent a "Nice to Have You" card which again expressed the love of the WM members. The card included an invitation to join the Jacksonville Pentecostal Holiness Church family in worship services.

–Submitted by Janice Marshburn
Jacksonville PH Church WM Director

People Are Like Potatoes

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do.
But they don't want to soil their own hands.
They are called "Dick Taters."

Some people never seem motivated to participate.
But they are just content to watch while others do all the work.
They are called "Speck Taters."

Some people never do anything to help,
But they are gifted with finding fault with the way others do the work.
They are called "Comment Taters."

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them.
It is too hot... or too cold ... too sour... or too sweet.
They are called "Aggie Taters."

There are those who say they will help
But somehow just never get around to it.
They are called "Hezzie Taters."

Some people can put up a good front
And pretend to be someone they are not.
They are called "Emma Taters."

Then there are those who love genuinely and do what they say they will.
They are always ready to lend a helping hand.
They bring sunshine into the lives of others.
They are called "Sweet Taters."

What kind of "tater" are you?

This is certainly appropriate to Women's Ministries. We have some of all kinds of "taters" in our midst. Let's all strive to be "sweet taters."

Home and Family Life

Scripture memory is a good family activity. Each week select a scripture verse to focus on for that week. Discuss the verse and how it applies to daily life. Print the verse on index cards for each family member. Repeat it together as a family at mealtime. Allow time during the week for family members to share how the verse is being applied in real life situations. This is a good way to promote memorization, as well as application, of the Word of God.

Thirty Ways for Thirty Days...

The life of every citizen of every nation is impacted by a vast multitude of individuals who wield significant influence each day. Consider: millions of elected officials, appointed judges, lawyers, police officers, bureaucrats, military officers, business executives and managers, those involved in church leadership, educators, medical practitioners, and hospital administrators. How might we pray for these individuals? Here are 30 things based on Scripture that we can pray for people in authority. Don't overwhelm yourself. Select one person or group of people and then pray one of these things each day for them.

1. That they be God-fearing and recognize that they are accountable to Him for each decision and act (Proverbs 9:10).
2. That they be granted wisdom, knowledge, and understanding (James 1:5).
3. That they be presented with the gospel and a loving Christian witness (Romans 10:14).
4. That if unsaved, they be drawn to a saving encounter with Christ; if born-again, they be strengthened and encouraged in their faith (I Timothy 2:4, Ephesians 1:17-23).
5. That they recognize their own inadequacy and pray and seek the will of God (Proverbs 3:5-8, Luke 11:9-13).
6. That they be convicted of sin, transgression, and iniquity (Psalm 51:17, John 8:9).
7. That they heed their conscience, confess their sins, and repent (Proverbs 28:13, James 4:8).
8. That they read the Bible and attend prayer meetings and Bible studies (Psalm 119:11, Colossians 3:2).
9. That they value and regard the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Christ (Psalm 19:7-11, John 8:31-32).
10. That they respect and honor their own parents if living (Ephesians 6:2-3).
11. That they respect authority and practice accountability (Romans 13:1-7).
12. That they be given godly counsel and God-fearing advisors (Proverbs 24:6).
13. That they be honest and faithful to spouses and children (Malachi 2:15-16).
14. That they be practicing members of local congregations (Hebrews 10:25).
15. That they desire purity and avoid debauchery, pornography, perversion, and drunkenness (I Corinthians 6:9-20, Titus 2:12).
16. That they be timely, reliable, and dependable (Matthew 21:28-31).
17. That they be honest in financial, tax, and ethical matters (I Corinthians 6:10, I Timothy 6:6-10).
18. That they seek pastoral care and counsel when needed (Hebrews 13:7).
19. That they seek out and nurture godly friendships (Psalm 1:1-3).
20. That they have thankful and teachable spirits (Romans 1:21).
21. That they be generous and have compassionate hearts for the poor and needy (Psalm 112:9, Luke 10:33-37).
22. That they redeem their time and know priorities (Ephesians 5:15-17).
23. That they desire honesty, integrity, and loyalty (Psalm 26, Proverbs 11:3).
24. That they have courage to resist manipulation, pressure, and the fear of man (Proverbs 29:25, II Timothy 1:7).
25. That they be shielded from occultism, New Age cults, false religions, and secret societies (Isaiah 1:29, 2:6).
26. That they be presented with biblical worldviews and principles (Ephesians 3:10)
27. That they endeavor to restore the sanctity of life, families, divine order, and morality in our nation (Ephesians 5:22-6:4).
28. That they would work to reverse the trends of humanism in our nation (I Chronicles 12:32, Isaiah 59:19).
29. That they desire humility and meekness and be willing to serve and cooperate (John 13:14, Titus 3:1-2).
30. That they be prepared to give account to Almighty God (Hebrews 9:27).

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"Dressed for Battle"

"Partners in Ministry"

A Message From Ronnie

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There is a war going on in this world today between the Christian and Satan. If Satan had his way, he would completely destroy what the Christian stands for. But we don't have to stand for what Satan is trying to do! We are ***God's Warriors****! We can come against Satan and defeat him.*

When we trust and obey God, we have the ***warrior's power****. In* ***Ephesians 6:10,*** *we are told to* ***be strong: "Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Verse 11*** *says,* ***"Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."***

Now that we know we ***can*** *come against Satan if we put on the* ***whole armor of God****, do we know how? Let us take a look at the* ***armor*** *in* ***Ephesians 6:14-17.***

In ***Verse 14****, God tells us about* ***truth*** *and the* ***breastplate of righteousness****. We must stand true to God's Word and stand for the truth that is in God's Word. We must protect our hearts with the* ***breastplate of righteousness*** *that Christ Himself purchased for us with His own blood.*

In ***Verses 15 and 16****, we discover that we must put on our* ***warrior's shoes*** *and pick up our* ***shield of faith****. When we wear our shoes of the Gospel of peace, we will not stumble in the pits and potholes Satan litters across our path. The trustworthy* ***shield of faith*** *will save us from the fiery darts Satan shoots our way if we will only grasp it and raise it high.*

Verse 17 *tells us to put on the* ***helmet of salvation*** *and firmly grip in our hand the* ***mighty two-edged sword of the Spirit****. The blood-bought helmet will protect our minds from the knives of sinful thoughts and lustful imaginations the devil tries to slip and twist into our minds at every opportunity. Our* ***great weapon of offense, the Word of God, our sword,*** *will pierce the ways of Satan if we are practiced in using it, as any swordsman would be.*

Sometimes we may feel like weary warriors in the heat of a bloody battle, who are separated from the commanding general and can't see how the war is going. But when we dress ourselves in full battle array, the ***whole armor of our Commander-in-Chief,*** *we can press on like the* ***mighty warriors*** *God means us to be. We can know He is right there leading us to victory!*

When we read God's Word about putting on the ***whole armor of God****, we should picture in our minds a Roman soldier getting ready for combat duty. Notice that the gear a Roman soldier wears always protects the front of his body, not the rear. That is because he always goes forward into battle. As the* ***warriors of God****, may we do likewise!*

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IMPORTANT DATES:

April . . . . . Men's Ministries ***Prayer Walking*** Month
June 9 . . . . . Men's Ministries Laymen's Sunday
July . . . . . Men's Ministries ***Men of Action*** Month
August . . . . . Men's Ministries ***Friendship Evangelism*** Month
September . . . . . Men's Ministries ***TEAMshare*** Month
October . . . . . Men's and Women's Ministries ***Pastor Appreciation*** Month
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November . . . . . Men's Ministries ***Disaster Recovery Training*** Month
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"As men go, so goes the church."

(Pastor Jack Hayford)

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LOVING GOD MUCH

In Luke 7:36-48 we read the story of an especially wicked sinner anointing the feet of Jesus with an alabaster flask of ointment (perfume) and then with her tears and hair, wiping His feet. To our amazement we find in the scripture a sinner who knew how to lie at the feet of Jesus to worship and honor Him. Yet we also read that the Pharisees, the religious leaders who had invited Him to dine with them, did not give Him the praise or honor He deserved. Neither did they extend common courtesy nor acknowledge who He truly was. They had a form of godliness but denied its power. (II Tim.3:5)

A question arises today in my spirit man: *What are you and I doing with Jesus, the divine person whom we have invited to come in and abide in us every day?* Are we worshiping and honoring Him, remembering that we are sinners saved by His grace, or are we being like the Pharisees? One of the commands of God is "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment" (Matthew 22:37-38).

Think for a moment, as God's people, are you and I *pouring ourselves out* at the Master's feet with prayer, fasting, worship, the reading of His Word, and our giving? Are we recognizing *who* and *what* He is to us?

A God that loves you and me so much that he loves us as we are, yet loves us so much more that He wants us changed.

God is waiting for His people, His children, and His church to pour themselves out to Him and for Him.

Loving, serving, and giving to Him.

"Loving Him much for He has forgiven much" (Luke 7:41-43).

The sinner in the story recognized:

- The need of Jesus (needing forgiveness)
- Love for Jesus (making a decision)
- A desire to pour all of self out to Him and for Him (a desire to have a servant's heart, be a worshiper, to sit at His feet, etc.)
- The desire to give all she owned (a giving spirit)

"Loving much" means being committed, loyal, passionate, and dedicated.

How then can we say that we *love* God and can't seem to find the time to *pray, worship,* or *read His Word?*

Can we be breaking one of the most important commandments of God, "Love thy God"? (Matt. 22:37).

Have we grown so used to His presence that we no longer honor it?

Have we become so relaxed, cold, and religious that we have forgotten to truly love God much, for He has forgiven much? (Luke 7:36-50)

Have we forgotten to welcome, recognize, and honor Him in our midst?

Have we forgotten that we need His forgiveness daily?

Have we torn down the spiritual altars, and is *prayer* no longer found in our personal life or in the life of our church?

Have we lost the passion of being in love with God?

Are we so used to His blessings that we no longer have a heart of gratitude or faithfulness?

Have we become a church that no longer worships the one and only true God? God forbid that we as His people would forget that we need Him more now than ever.

Let us begin to rebuild our altars as God's people, determining to love Him much. We must rebuild the altar of our individual prayer life and then our corporate prayer life. Remembering always that our altars of prayer are what will keep the church alive, empowered, safe, alert, in tune, sensitive, aggressive, free, ready, bold, equipped, directed, moving forward, and on track.

Taking time to be with God alone will energize you and will help you see things in God's perspective instead of man's.

Praying will keep you focused on what God has told you to do.

Praying will help you see the great need you have for God, and how He comes to your rescue, bringing you peace, strength, and overcoming power; even though things may not change, you do.

Praying lets you and me know that we always have someone to go to who loves and cares for us.

Praying keeps me in the center of God's will and plan.

Praying keeps me concentrated on God and not on man.

Praying keeps my mind on Him and not on other things.

Praying is the door that keeps God functioning in my life.

Praying is telling God how much I love Him and need Him.

Pour yourself out to God today, and love Him much. Rebuild your altar of prayer, relationship, and love.

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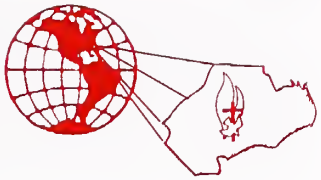

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Few would disagree with the statement that our eyesight is one of life's most prized treasures. We will go to any length to protect and preserve our vision. A few years ago I noticed that for some strange reason my arms were getting shorter. For several months I put off the inevitable: going to Wal-Mart and purchasing reading glasses. Finally I did, and, oh, what an immediate difference as I read; I hadn't realized that the fuzzy print had for a period of time caused me to lose interest in reading as much as before. I intend to take every precaution necessary to protect and preserve my eyesight. The reality of becoming somewhat farsighted is that you may miss some important, interesting, and vital sights up close. With our vision, periodically the strength of our eyesight must be examined, and a determination needs to be made by an optometrist whether we need new lenses. In my case only reading glasses have been necessary.

I have to report to you that in a spiritual sense, such is not the case. There have been numerous occasions when the divine optometrist has had to do an examination, and adjustments had to be made for spiritual vitality's sake.

A couple of slides that I have used in several presentations come to mind as I write this article. The first is simply a picture of two pairs of glasses. Through one, you can only see a fuzzy outline of the objects on the other side of the lenses. The focus is blurred and the vision is poor. Through the other pair, you can see a clear outline of the objects; the focus is sharp and the vision is excellent. Obviously, from the first to the second pair an adjustment has been made to sharpen the focus and vision. By the way, the object being observed is simply and powerfully a field of golden grain ripe and full, with harvesting taking place. The other slide has without a doubt made a powerful impact on my life in the past year, and I will continue to use it in various presentations. It is the picture of the earth as viewed from space, and in the background is the imposing and powerful depiction of the face of our Lord looking at the earth longingly, with a tear coursing down His cheek. I have no way of describing what my Lord actually looks like because He is a spirit; however, I do believe that as sovereign God it is His prerogative to have feeling and emotion, and being God (God is Love), He sent His only begotten Son to pay the one ransom for the sins of humanity. In view of this statement, I believe according to scripture His focus and vision is of the whole world, and He desires that all men everywhere come to a saving knowledge of Himself. His focus is clear and sharp, and His vision is for the whole world. In John 4:35 Jesus commanded His followers, for all time, to look on the fields, for they are ripened *already* to harvest; couple that statement with Matthew 9:38, in which Jesus declares that the harvest is His, and you have again the focused vision that it is His desire to save all that will come to Him.

With these introductory remarks, I want to relate to you a very recent experience. I was privileged to take my first trip overseas to Turkey, a fact-finding trip for missions possibilities. As the plane approached Frankfurt, Germany, I looked out my window, and through the patchy clouds I saw community after community of homes, streets, cars, etc. As I peered down, without warning the Holy Spirit spoke definitely into my spirit with an almost audible voice and simply said, "From up here (20,000 feet) everyone looks the same; there are no racial barriers, no cultural differences, no national borders; the common thread is that they all need ME." On my flight into Istanbul, Turkey a city of 12,000,000 people, I recalled the Holy Spirit's words again. What a powerful challenge to me, to all of us. Our Lord has given us a powerful challenge to reach the world for His glory, and He has empowered us with the necessary resources and authority to complete the task (the harvest).

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God is truly positioning the IPHC for a great harvest opportunity in Turkey. There are 65,000,000 people in Turkey and at most only 3,000 Christians. Turkey is solidly 99% Moslem. However, only 18% consider themselves to be fundamental Moslems. A great majority of them consider themselves to be Moslem in name only. Missionary presence on a permanent status is prohibited by the pro-Islamic government; however, the possibilities and opportunities are present for short-term visits and for training nationals to return home as evangelists and church planters. That particular opportunity is open to us as of now in London, where 300,000 Turks reside. Through the soul-winning efforts of Missionary Matt Bennett, 30 Moslem Turks in London have been won to the Lord, and that number is growing. Matt is searching for a building, and when one is secured, he can begin the process of training Turks to become national evangelists to their homeland. The door is opened ever so slightly in Turkey, and we must take advantage now. God has positioned the IPHC to be the instrument to reach the millions of blinded Moslems in Turkey, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and other countries in Asia.

I get excited just writing this article.

Many great things are happening in the North Carolina Conference in Missions and Evangelism.

- I've heard the personal accounts of a growing number of pastors and missions directors just since January 1 of their churches adding new missionaries to their support list, of increasing their monthly support.
- I've visited and introduced missions ministry to some of our congregations, even an independent church, and the excitement is fantastic.
- Since January 1 you have adopted an additional 53 children.
- Pastors, directors, and people are increasingly more focused as we prepare for G.O.
- In Evangelism there are reports of numerous outpourings and moves of the Holy Spirit across our conference. With this thought in mind I would love to put in the *Evangel* happenings, and revival news in your church. Send a couple of pictures. God is truly up to something.
- We are actively projecting that in 2002 we could easily start 10-12 new works. To God be the glory.

I close this article with hearty thanks to our pastors and their congregations for all you're doing in evangelism/missions. It will not succeed without you!

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Time for Spring Cleaning and Taking Inventory

Luke 7:1-10

It was Socrates who said that the unexamined life was not worth living. If honest examination is important for philosophers, how much more important it is for us as believers in Christ, and especially for those who are leaders in His church! We must periodically take time to measure ourselves and our work to make sure we are all that we ought to be.

Of course, the ultimate standard is Jesus Christ our Lord, and He must always he the perfect example for us to follow (Eph. 4:13). But sometimes it does us good to look at other men and women in the Bible to see how we measure up. Luke 7:1-10 provides one such example. This Roman centurion was especially commended by Jesus Christ. What qualities in this man should we admire and, with God's help, seek to develop in our own personal lives?

Caring concern. For one thing, the centurion was a man with great concern for others. He also had a concern for the Jewish community and had helped the people build a synagogue (v. 5). This act was especially unusual because the man was a Roman, and the Romans had a tendency to look down upon the Jews and their "exclusive" religion.

It is easy for us today to judge the man's motives and suggest that he was merely buying cooperation from the Jewish leaders. But I prefer to give him the benefit of the doubt. I believe he had a personal concern for the Jewish nation and wanted to help them.

Our most important task as church leaders is to help build the church of Jesus Christ in this world. But as we do this, let us not forget that we also have obligations to our fellowman, no matter what faith an individual might profess. We are a part of the human community, and we must do our share to help others, to the glory of God. Jesus instructed us to let our light shine by doing good works (Matt. 5:16), and Paul admonished us "do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).

This centurion also had a concern for his dying servant, although most Roman soldiers, especially officers, were somewhat hardened to death. So why would a Roman officer worry about the death of a mere slave? There were some sixty million slaves in the Roman Empire, and it would not be too difficult to replace the boy. But this servant was "dear to him" (v. 2), so much so that the centurion sent word to Jesus to come and heal the lad.

Are we leaders who show concern? Do we have a personal interest in the needs of others? Do we ever sacrifice for others? Do we intercede with the Lord on their behalf? If a pagan Roman centurion had a heart of concern for others, how much more concern should we show – we who have been saved by Christ and have experienced His love!

Humility. We note a second fine quality about this man: he was humble (vv. 4-7). The Jewish leaders said some wonderful things about this soldier, but he denied them all. "He is worthy!" was their argument, but the centurion said, "I am not worthy!" This was not false modesty on his part; his humility was sincere.

God's work has been damaged more by man's pride than perhaps by any other sin that we commit. "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6, cf. Prov. 3:34). Pride is the sin that transformed the angel Lucifer into the devil Satan. It was pride that motivated our first forebears to disobey: they wanted to be like God. Pride has brought division to the church and painful disagreement into the family of God. Pride robs God of the glory that belongs only to Him.

How easy it would have been for this Roman centurion to be proud! After all, he belonged to the conquering Roman Empire! He was a Roman soldier, an officer, and apparently a man of wealth and influence. Yet he used what he had for others and not for himself. In fact, he did not even feel worthy to go out to meet Jesus personally.

"Under authority." This leads us to a third commendable quality about this man: he was under authority. Note the word also in verse 8: "For I also am a man placed under authority..." He knew that Jesus was "under authority" and was able to do miracles, for only those so commissioned should exercise control over others. Just as the centurion could order his soldiers to come and go, so Jesus could command the boy's sickness to depart. The Father gave Him that authority!

As leaders in God's work, we exercise authority only because we are under authority. One day we will answer to the Lord for the decisions we have made and the work we have done. Unless we remind ourselves regularly that we are under God's authority, we will be prone to do things our own way for our own glory. But the fact that we are under God's authority should encourage us to trust Him and take great steps of faith for His glory.

Faith. Finally, this man was commended by Jesus for his "great faith." In fact, the centurion's faith was so great that even Jesus marveled at it (v. 9). The only other time we find Jesus marveling is at the unbelief of His own people! (Mark 6:6)

You would certainly expect a Jew to have great faith – for, after all, the Jewish nation was especially blessed by God and possessed God's Word. Sad to say, most Jews did not have such faith, and it was a Gentile soldier whose faith Jesus commended. Roman soldiers were trained to be self-sufficient, so this kind of faith was indeed remarkable. The centurion believed in the power of God's Word, that Jesus could "say the word" and the cure would be complete (v. 7).

Are we known for our great faith, or does this Roman soldier put us to shame? Jesus honored his faith and healed the servant boy, and no doubt our Lord was pleased to find such great faith. He certainly had not found it among His own people! Does He find it among us today?

This centurion was not perfect, but he certainly had some wonderful qualities that we would do well to imitate today: concern for others, deep humility, recognition of authority, and great faith. These are the qualities that make for real Christian leadership in the church of Jesus Christ today.

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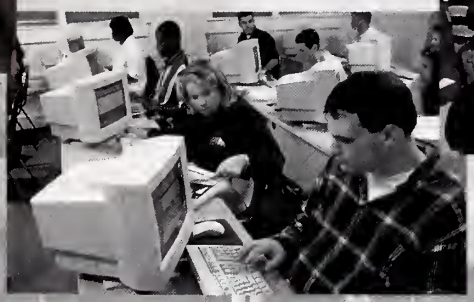

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From the Superintendent

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N.C. Conference Ministerial Counseling Program

Here is a new program offered by the N.C. Conference. Clergy and their families today are under greater attack from the enemy than ever before. The statistics for ministerial families in this generation are alarming. Many ministers are hurting deeply. When they hurt, they hurt alone. Many are afraid to seek personal help because of the fear that they might appear weak or less "spiritual." They have concerns, though normally unfounded, that the disclosure of family problems might somehow threaten their future as ministers. They need help. Help is forthcoming!

In this new program confidentiality is kept at the highest level. Neither conference officials nor anyone outside the counselor's office will be given information about the counselee. Client confidentiality is protected by the national guidelines counselors are bound to uphold.

The conference will pay up to $500.00 per individual per year. Counseling is limited to the ministers of the N.C. Conference, their spouses, and any dependent children living at home. The superintendent and/or conference board could increase the funds as necessary.

The funds for this new ministry are supplied from two sources. First, the conference board authorized a donation of $5,000.00. Regular income for the fund will be generated from a tithe of the profits from the Ministerial and Church Extension Loan Funds. This profit is anticipated to be from $10,000.00 to $15,000.00 per year. Such funds would allow ministry to 20 to 30 individuals per year.

The approved counselors will submit a bill to the superintendent listing clients by numbers. The counselor will sign that the counselee is an up-to-date member of the conference. The superintendent will keep a file and authorize payment to the bookkeeper. The superintendent will regularly send an update of the conference roster to the counselors. In special circumstances the counselor will involve the superintendent into the ministry to the counselee as the counselor sees fit, with the agreement of the counselee.

Presently, two counselors have been approved into the program by the N.C. Conference Board.

They are Dr. George Brackman and Rev. Dwight Dunning. Both are pastors and members of the conference.

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In addition, the board has approved the use of Brentwood Psychological Associates through Rev. Dunning. Brentwood is located in Goldsboro, N.C. Conference.

Treatment involves helping clients discover distortions and misconceptions in their perceptions about everyday life events, and help them come to realistic assessments of those events, setting them free from fear, anxiety, depression, and a host of other negative emotions. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). The goal is to use proven methods of psychology that are integrated with the truth of the Word of God to help individuals find the freedom that Christ offers.

May the Lord bless this new ministry.

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Birth Announcement

Rev. and Mrs. Ashley Smith announce the birth of a beautiful daughter born on March 20, 2002. She is Abigail Grace Smith. She checked in at 8 lbs. 7 ozs. Ashley and Vickie are pastoring the Westview Church out from Saint Pauls, N.C.

Good News From New Life P.H. Church

God is really blessing us at New Life P.H. Church with our new pastor and his wife Judy Rogers. We have had 25 saved and 9 join since Pastor Anthony Rogers came to our church. God is so wonderful.

We have purchased a new sign for the front of the church and are in the process of paving the parking lot. We have also started Royal Rangers and Missionettes. It is growing and God is blessing that too. Our Women's Ministries is hard at work; they have had their first fund raiser since the new director has been voted in. It has grown too. We would like to thank God for our new pastor and his wife, Anthony and Judy Rogers. They are truly a blessing.

Tributes

Tribute to a Woman of God

Following is a poem written by Marie Philips of the Niagara Church in honor of her mother Madrid Crumper Evans. Mrs. Evans was the wife of the late Rev. James Evans. The poem was read by Marie at her mother's funeral.

Apology: Our apologies to the Evans' family for incorrectly listing her mother as Madrid Crimper Evans. Her funeral was January 28, 2002, not July 28, 2002. Sometimes no matter how careful the proofing, mistakes are made. We regret the errors.

Enjoy the poem.

Thank You From My Mama

If I could speak to you today,
"Thank you, Thank you" is what I'd say.
Your many visits, your cards, your prayers,
Your love unselfishly you shared.

I may not remember your passing by,
The words you spoke, nor my reply.
But there's a record in Heaven of your kindly deeds,
And you will be rewarded when again we meet.

Perhaps you gave me food, you gave me drink,
You washed my clothes week after week.
What a blessing your faithfulness was to me,
Without you my final years would have been misery.

I depended on you as days turned into years.
You labored in love as you fought the tears.
New problems each day for you to bear,
But your love for me was always there.

Your tasks, though many, you never took lightly.
Your Christian light always shone brightly.
Although I felt the warmth of your loving touch,
My earthly capabilities could not offer thanks enough.

But on those golden streets of Glory, when Heaven I've found,
While singing His praises and shouting up and down,
I'll be waiting for you, so don't let me down.
You've earned a robe of white and extra stars for your crown.

"My Mom loves you all!"

Written by: Marie Phillips
(J M H; January 25, 2002-1:15 a.m.)

Pastor/Teacher
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The Incomparable Christ by John Stott. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2001. 250 pages.

What a person thinks of Jesus Christ reveals the condition of the human heart in terms of understanding and experience of the spiritual nature of things. Christology, one of the great evangelical doctrines, assumes a multidimensional and a certain incomprehensibility of the person and work of the greatest figure of human history, Jesus Christ.

Stott focuses on four key areas of the Lord Jesus: (1)The original Jesus, the New Testament portrait revealing a united witness of the Christ, (2)The ecclesiastical Jesus, as the Church has presented and portrayed Him from Justin Martyr until today, (3)The influential Jesus, as He has inspired people from St. Francis to William Wilberforce, and (4) The eternal, contemporary, ever present Jesus, as He challenges the Church today through ten visions from the book of Revelation.

To maximize the resourcefulness of this publication, the reader will need a sufficient understanding of the Bible, Church history, various biographies of influential Church leaders, and the Book of Revelation. The content of the book is quite cerebral in traditional Stott style, but this is somewhat understandable, in light of the fact that the book is the printed form of the scholarly London Lectures in Contemporary Christianity given in 2000.

Most Christians will appreciate and understand Stott's treatment of Christ from the New Testament. We understand how the New Testament witnesses to Jesus. The second section provides a selective survey of Church history, considering some of the councils, movements, and leaders. The Church hasn't always been faithful in presenting the original Jesus to the world, but some of her leaders have been faithful. Jesus was more than the best man among men. He was God, and through Him the world can be reconciled to the Creator and maker of men.

In the third part, relating to the influential Jesus, Stott shows how different Christians were influenced by different features of Christ to undertake different missions and tasks in life. For example, Dr. Thomas Barnardo maintained an open door policy to all children who were sick and in need of a physician. Like Jesus, he loved children unselfishly and provided shelter, food, clothing, and medical attention to the destitute.

The final section features a Christological survey of the Book of Revelation, which, as Stott stated, "contains a gallery of pictures of Jesus Christ." As a reader myself, I asked this question: How does Jesus challenge the Church today through the teachings of Revelation? Jesus is presented as the resurrected and ascended Lord, one who has the keys of hell and death, therefore making the resurrection foundational to the Christian faith. No wonder Satan does his best attacking the resurrection. Remove it, and you destroy the very heart of the Christian faith. In chapters 2 and 3, seven marks of an ideal church are given. Every church and pastor would do well to examine these distinguishing marks and strive to incorporate them into daily church life and mission.

My favorite paragraph is on page 228, where the author briefly addresses the Beatific Vision, when in heaven God will display Himself to us in a way that will go beyond anything anyone has ever seen, the face of God in His fullness. This sight of God will be heaven of heaven. If in our earthly bodies, unable to see God through our physical eyes, we can now experience joy unspeakable and full of glory, what will it be like when we, in our glorified bodies, do see Him face to face? What will the joy of the Vision of God bring? There shall be every moment new and fresh delights springing forth from God into the glorified soul. What a day that will be!

Nelson's Annual Preacher's Sourcebook (2002 Edition), Robert J. Morgan, editor, Nashville:Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2001. 460 pages .

Admittingly, I have never been too excited about most ministers' manuals and planned preaching programs. Lectionaries and high liturgy do little to stir me in the study. The sermons are usually too bland and glib. There seems to be very little that can be used to justify the cost of the book. This publication is the exception. It is a valuable resource for any Christian minister, teacher, or leader. A CD-ROM is included in the price that enables you to customize and print sermons, lessons, and leadership plans. It is full of useful illustrations and inspiring quotes. It contains published works every pastor ought to know, great biographies of influential Christians, techniques for good delivery in preaching, sermons for weddings and funerals, and interviews with some classic and contemporary mentors.

There are many inspiring stories that could be used in the church bulletin. Also, you will find amazing and alarming statistics that could be easily incorporated into a Sunday school lesson or sermon. With its userfriendly design, I highly and enthusiastically recommend this resource to any and all Christian workers.

Happy Reading! MLD

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"Is the Building of Men Foundational to the Church?"

"Partners in Ministry"

A friend of mine, Dan Schaffer, wrote the following. . .

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When will men begin to be what they should be in order to do what they should do? In order to begin, they must have a safe place in which to meet with other men to tackle issues that are important to them. Are they finding this place in their church home?

During the Christian men's movement of the 1990s, many men awakened to a hunger to know God and to discover how to become godly men. However, this movement did not produce the spiritual growth within the church that we had hoped for. In fact, looking at the population as a whole, there are fewer men involved in the church now than there were in 1990. Why? What can be done to change it?

There are three questions that the church must consider: Is the building of men into mature, godly leaders foundational to the church? Is this biblical? If so, are we living this out as a church?

One way to evaluate your church's position is by examining the church budget. If you see only one or two percent of the budget directed specifically toward building men, then that ministry is a low priority. If this is the case, aren't we really saying that we don't perceive men as foundational but one of several special-needs groups needing only minimal attention?

When Jesus set out to build His church, He regularly set aside time to meet with His disciples, aside from the crowd. These were significant times of teaching and learning. His chosen friends and founding leaders of the church had important questions. He deliberately made time for them so that they could ask in private the questions in their hearts.

Shouldn't we be following His model?

Producing biblical, servant leaders who will then reproduce in others what has been produced in them? The church has within its members mature Christian men who are eager and willing to join other men in a committed, passionate pursuit of God. Under the guidance of their pastors, these men can be encouraged to reach out to others and walk alongside them in the journey toward godly living.

Looking at the population as a whole, there are fewer men involved in the church now than there were in 1990. Why?

What needs to happen?

First, there must be a consensus that the building of men into mature leaders is foundational to the church. Then we must identify the men who are willing to pioneer the process – an extended process, not a one-time event.

The church must begin to embrace and provide for the ministry needs of men. Men need brothers. Men need godly leaders. Men must see the image of Christ wrapped in a mature Christian man in order to see what God would have them become.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Lines From Linda. . .

May always brings memories of my mother! It's not just the fact that Mother's Day is in this month, but also the fact that she passed from earth to her home in heaven in May. Even though she has been gone eighteen years, so much of her still remains with me. There are so many values in my life that directly reflect the lessons she taught me. I was recently reminded of one such value.

A few months ago, I was asked by Rev. Ed Wood, director of Stewardship of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, to do a testimonial on tithing for a video which the Stewardship Department was filming. My assignment was to speak briefly on the importance of being faithful in giving of our finances to God's work.

As I began to reflect on my beliefs about tithing, I was reminded that my mother had instilled this value in me. I remembered a picture that was taken in front of Holly Hill Church when I was just a young girl. In the photo I am holding a handkerchief by the corner. (See photo)

What is not evident in the photo is the nickel or dime which was tied in the corner of the handkerchief. I didn't have a purse to carry the money in, but Moma always saw to it that I carried an offering to Sunday school. Every Sunday she religiously tied a coin or two in the corner of the handkerchief and gave it to me. I can remember untying the corner of the handkerchief, removing the coin, and putting it in the offering basket when it was passed.

You see, Moma didn't have a lot of this world's goods, but what she had she used for the glory of God. From her teaching and example, I learned that giving to God is not an option. She instilled in me the fact that God honors even the smallest gift when it is given from a sincere heart. Her love of God and her dedication to His church compelled her to give even when it meant sacrifice, and she made it a priority to teach that lesson to each of her children.

Needless to say, this was just one of the many valuable traits she taught us. Faithfulness in attendance at church was also high on her priority list. There was never a question of whether we were going to church or not. Unless you were deathly sick or there was a dire emergency, there was no reason to miss. It didn't matter what else was going on, church came first. If we had a test the next day or lots of homework, we knew we had better get our studying and preparing done before time to go to prayer meeting or revival service. Very rarely did we ever miss a service. When the doors opened at Holly Hill, you could count on Maggie Morris and her six children being there.

I wish all parents today still had that same kind of commitment to the church and the work of the Lord. So many give the leftovers... instead of the first fruits. So many attend church when it is convenient and if there is not something else on their agenda. The ministry of the church is not first priority. It makes us wonder what impression is being made on the next generation.

So, in this beautiful spring month of May, we celebrate the memories of mothers who are gone to their rewards and we honor those mothers who are among us. As we do so, let us determine in our hearts to leave our children with a lasting impression of what it means to be faithful to God's purposes. It is by example that we teach what life's true priorities should be to those who follow us.

Last May I shared in this column a story about Moma's handkerchiefs that was written by my sister. She wrote of seeing Moma use them to wipe tears during prayer time. Now I am reminiscing about using her handkerchiefs to carry my Sunday school money to church. It is amazing the values Jimmie, Curtis, Peggie, Oral Dean and Gloria Jean and I learned from the simple things in Moma's consistent godly lifestyle.

Ladies, what values are we leaving our children and grandchildren? Maybe this account of Moma's handkerchiefs will serve to remind us that they are watching what we value!

PHOTO - Linda holds Moma's handkerchief with Sunday school money in it. Her brother, Curtis Morris, and his friend, Donald Edwards, stand behind her.

IMAGES OF MOTHER

4 YEARS OF AGE. . .
My Mommy can do anything!

8 YEARS OF AGE. . .
My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 YEARS OF AGE. . .
My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.

14 YEARS OF AGE. . .
Naturally, Mom doesn't know that either.

16 YEARS OF AGE. . .
Mom? She's hopelessly old-fashioned.

18 YEARS OF AGE. . .
My mother is way out of date!

25 YEARS OF AGE. . .
Well, she might know a little bit about it.

35 YEARS OF AGE. . .
Before we decide, let's get my Mother's opinion.

45 YEARS OF AGE. . .
Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?

65 YEARS OF AGE. . .
I wish I could talk it over with my Mom.

A.T.A.M. Idea . . .

Janice Bass of the Wilson First Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries recentlv shared an idea to help the Royal Home residents. She suggests saving unused toiletry articles that are provided for your use when you stay in hotels. Janice collects these and puts them into a gift baskets for the girls at the Royal Homes and Falcon Children's Home. This might be an idea your WM group would like to use.

QUADRENNIAL WM CONVENTION. . .

The fifty-eighth annual North Carolina Conference Women's Ministries will convene at the Culbreth Auditorium in Falcon on Saturday, June 8, 2002. Registration will be held in the Cafeteria/Training Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. During registration hour, WM groups and other ministry representatives are invited to bring items for sale or exhibit. Display areas will be provided. Refreshments will be served. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m.

This being the quadrennial convention year, election of officers for the next four years will be held. Mrs. Jewelle Stewart, executive director of IPHC Women's Ministries from Oklahoma City, will be the presiding officer and guest speaker. Each local WM group should be represented with a delegation to participate in the business of the convention. See your Women's Ministries Leadership Manual to determine delegate qualifications.

We will be collecting school supplies for IPHC missionaries to use in developing schools on the mission fields. You are invited to participate in this project by bringing school supplies to the convention. Missionary Rose Boyd will distribute the supplies collected through Operation Teaching Tools.

Each local WM director has received information and registration form for this event. Be sure to be a part of this special day.

Home and Family Life

Springtime is just right for family picnics. Why not pack the picnic basket and take the family to the nearest playground or park. Read the first chapter of Genesis and talk about the beauty of God's creation. Let each family member share his or her favorite things about nature. Invite grandparents to join you for an extra bit of family fun. Time spent together at play strengthens the family bond.

Occupation – Housewife

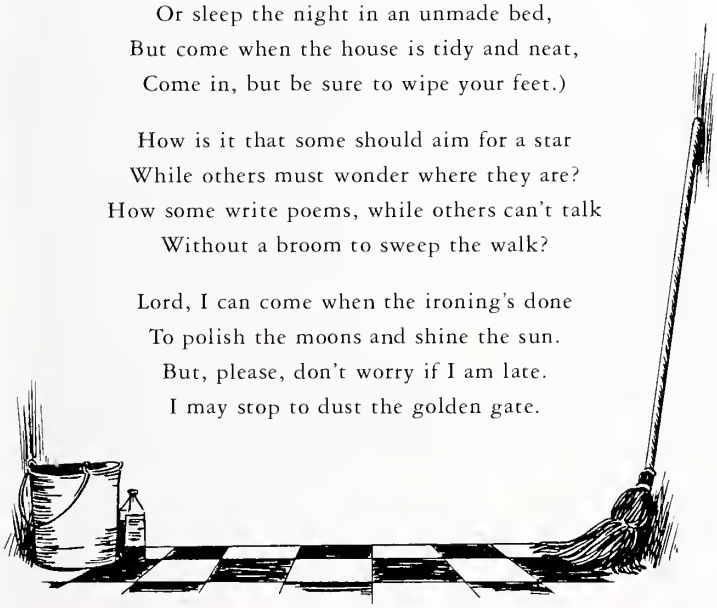
by Marie Wood

Martha, how often I've wept for thee,
Sisters under the skin are we,
Who cannot kneel on the floor to pray
Unless the dirt has been scrubbed away.

(I cannot ask you to share my bread
Or sleep the night in an unmade bed,
But come when the house is tidy and neat,
Come in, but be sure to wipe your feet.)

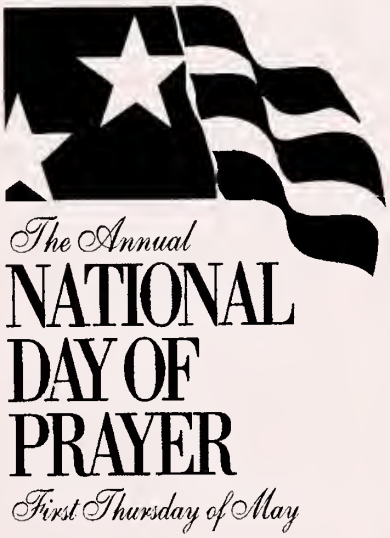
How is it that some should aim for a star
While others must wonder where they are?
How some write poems, while others can't talk
Without a broom to sweep the walk?

Lord, I can come when the ironing's done
To polish the moons and shine the sun.
But, please, don't worry if I am late.
I may stop to dust the golden gate.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The theme for the 2002 National Day of Prayer is *AMERICA UNITED UNDER GOD.* Spend time in prayer for national, state, and local governmental officials on this special day.



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MY KING AND MY GOD

"Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God:
for unto thee will I pray" (Psalm 5:2).

The greatest blessing you and I have is the fact that we are children of a powerful and mighty King. Have you ever really given thought to the rights that we have as a King's Kids? Let me begin to share with you some of the rights and blessings we have obtained since the time of our salvation. We are now part of His family, heirs and ambassadors.

The word *king* in Webster's Dictionary means supreme ruler of a country; a sovereign; a monarch; one who is distinguished above all others of his compeers. We belong and are partakers of this kingly throne. The Word of God tells us that we are a "Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood."

"But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you–from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted."1Peter 1:9 (*The Message*)

Since we are now a part of Him, and have obtained all the benefits, we now have an *open access* to all He possesses and rules. He has chosen us to be His instruments, mouthpiece, and good stewards. We have the authority and power to oversee, possess, call forth, change, and declare any situation, circumstance, problem, need or God-given desire. God has given us the *authority*, right and inheritance on this earth, the atmosphere, and in the heavens. As His ambassadors, we must be *protactive* at all times. Our position is to be alert, ready, armed, knowledgeable, wise, passionate, sensitive, committed, loyal, and dedicated, acknowledging that God is king, ruler, and commander of our lives.

All commands and instructions must come from God in order for us to be successful and the kingdom of God to be enlarged. How then can we become successful ambassadors for God? By calling upon His name and declaring His Word.

The Word tells us to call upon the name of the Lord and he will answer us: "For unto thee will I cry" (Psa. 5:2).

"But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him" (Psa. 4:3).

"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works, Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually" (I Chron. 16: 8 - 11).

Prayer and the Word are an open access to hear the kingly order given to us by God. All of His eternal plans, purposes and desired are released to us through the avenue os prayer and His Word.

As the church are we taking our orders from other sources rather than God? Are we diligent in the commands He has given us to pray without ceasing?

Have we forgotten that we are ambassadors and we are to be an example, carry forth a message of life?

Do we forget that we are only sojourning here, and we have an eternal place and kingdom?

Do we need to be reminded that the King has given us an inheritance so that we can use it, share it, and take care of it?

Have we grown cold, too relaxed, not active, disinterested, in our seeking God?

Have we become so religious, knowing the Word yet negating the power thereof?

Are we no longer passionate for the move of God and His presence?

Can we be missing God because of our complacency and our unwillingness to change old ways?

Have we lost the desire of taking the time to hear from God, and talk to God?

Have we lost the savor as the salt of the earth and our shine as the light in a darkened world?

Do we need to take a personal inventory of our lives?

Oh, how blessed we are to hold this great position of children of the King. Let us become more active in our roles as His ambassadors. Let us fulfill our God-given position on the earth through much prayer and the Word, remembering that the King will come again and we must be alert and ready.

So I exhort you to take the time to communicate with your King today and encourage others to do so.

Prayer is the answer to many of earth's problems, so let "His Kingdom come and His will be done here on earth as it is in heaven."

PRAY:
FIRST FRIDAY FAST (first Friday of every month)
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (May 2, 2002)
PRAY FOR ALL PASTORS AND FAMILY
PRAY FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, BOARD MEMBERS
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM
PRAY FOR THE DENOMINATION AND BISHOP
PRAY FOR ALL WIN CAPTAINS AND DIRECTORS
PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH

IN THE YEAR 2002, LET US BE KNOWN AS A HOUSE OF PRAYER.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism

God is truly up to something in the North Carolina Conference. Recent events and happenings within our conference truly excite me and reinforce the fact that God is at work among our people. In recent weeks the news is good about how the Holy Spirit is at work in our churches; churches are in a spirit of revival, and revitalization is taking place. Twenty of our churches across the conference will be receiving "Breaking Barriers" awards after posting positive results in the year 2001 in either membership gains, systematic Bible study attendance, or morning worship attendance. I believe that the churches of this conference are at the threshold of a tremendous harvest in Eastern North Carolina. The spirit of revival is truly spreading around the conference.

With that thought in mind, I want to throw in an advertisement for our four conference evangelists, who will render your church a great service: Terry Whittenton (910-892-8971), Ralph Leggett (252-792-0829), Paul Jackson (252-756-8228), and Vernon Potter Jr. (910-754-6616). God is using these men in a great way, and I challenge you to utilize them in your congregation.

The Conference Church Planter's School March 21-23 was indeed a success. On Friday there were 47 present, and on Saturday there were 37 present. There were four conferences represented and the teaching, preaching, and music ministry were great.

Recently God has raised up some men and women to be church planters in our conference. By the end of the year we will very likely have new Anglo churches started in Wilmington (Gabriel & Sharlene Tew), Raeford (Rick and Janice Taylor), and very likely a work begun in the Rocky Mount-Sharpsburg area. On Thursday, April 4 the first Hispanic services were conducted at the Warsaw P.H. Church with more than 50 people in attendance. Calvary P.H. church in Tarheel is ready for a work to begin in their facility and have already had two foundational services with more than 30 in attendance. Brother Fernando Angulo, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle Hispanic Church, has conducted revival services in the Lillington/Angier with a possibility of a new church. Bro. Francisco Concepcion is leaving The Genesis Hispanic Church as pastor with a burden to plant a church in the Lumberton/Robeson County area. He will be moving to that area in June. Bro. Luis Avila, pastor of the Greenville First Hispanic Church, is definitely interested in the Wilmington/Jacksonville area. We already have a church facility available and a pastor in mind. Interest has also been expressed in the Williamston area for a Hispanic work as well.

The harvest is truly ripened, and God is responding to the people of the North Carolina Conference as they pray that church planters will be raised up to reap that harvest.

I challenge every pastor and every church to continue praying with fervent intensity that God will multiply church planters and that more of our churches will become involved and catch the burden to become church-planting churches and will become sending and supporting churches. I urge you, pastor, to lead your people to become a part of the "church planters' fellowship." This is a powerful ministry and avenue for you and your people to become directly involved in reaping the harvest. It is easily within our reach as a conference by the end of this year to have more than 200 churches in Eastern North Carolina.

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ROCKS, RIVERS, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ISAIAH 32:1, 2

If you have visited a bookstore lately, then you know that "leadership" is a popular theme for books and magazine articles. In this competitive world, people want to know how to get to the top as quickly and easily as possible. Everybody seems to be looking for that secret of effective leadership that will guarantee success.

But what is a successful leader? What are his or her characteristics? Does God have the same view of leadership as that promoted by big business or government? Can a person be a successful leader in business and not be successful when it comes to the work of the Lord?

These two verses from Isaiah picture God's ideal leader. No doubt they are descriptive of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great "Rock of Ages" who was smitten for us. We know that one day He will "reign in righteousness," and all who have trusted Him will enjoy the blessings of that reign. But these verses also describe the kind of leaders God is looking for in His work today.

The prophet uses two different pictures to describe God's ideal leader: a rock and a river. What is there about a rock and a river that we should know so that we might become better leaders in the work God has given us to do?

Balance. For one thing, in these two images you see balance. A rock changes very slowly, but a river is constantly changing. A great rock does not move, but a river is ever flowing. You have to go around the rock, but a river is very adaptable and cuts its own course.

The leader who is like the rock is admired for his strength and stability. His theme song is "I shall not be moved!" But there are times when even the most dedicated leader must be like the river and make room for change, times when it is spiritual to adapt to new situations. If we are to be godly leaders, we must know when to stand like the rock, but also when to change like the river. God's work on earth is built on a rock of unchanging truth, and that truth must never be compromised. But God's work must constantly be manifested in new challenges and changing situations. We need leaders who are both rocks and rivers, dependable and adaptable.

Ministry. The rock and the river speak not only of balance, but also of ministry and service. The rock provides shade from the hot desert sun, and the river provides satisfaction to the thirsty traveler. Godly leaders think of what they can do for others, not what they can do for themselves.

God's people have a right to look to their leaders and expect them to serve their needs, to the glory of God.

Security and satisfaction. The church is a fellowship of people who need a sense of stability and comfort from the Lord. God wants to use us, His servants, to be rocks of security in world that is filled with danger. God wants His rivers of living water to flow through us and bring life and strength to all His people (John 7:37-39).

For Your Information

The latest management trend is coaching, and businesspeople who seek to grow are seeking out "life coaches." Gary R. Collins encourages Christian leaders to become coaches in his book, *Christian Coaching: Helping Others Turn Potential Into Reality* (NavPress, 2001). Collins says athletes and performers need not be the only recipients of one-on-one training. Christian coaching can help develop the next generation of church and community leaders. The definition of coaching remains the same in the business world as in other fields: one person comes alongside another to help that person move to a place of greater service and fulfillment. The coach is someone who is further along in his or her life journey. Coaching can involve mentoring and discipleship, but it's also a goal-oriented, dialogue-filled partnership. Collins describes how coaches can help others find their vision, mission, and strategy, then take action. He explains the types of coaching and how to find a coaching niche. Good coaches produce good leaders; this book will help you consider how God might be leading you in this way. We want to help you build your T. E. A. M.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Engage The Culture!

At the recent N. C. Conference Pastors' School, the Lord moved in a powerful way. In fact, the last session was never held as those present entered into an extended time of praise and intercession. The twelve various speakers did a fantastic job. They were greatly anointed of the Lord. About 98 pastors were present and about 150 total. Praise the Lord for the event.

At the opening of the event, I shared some remarks on *"Engage the culture!"* Here are some of my introductory remarks:

The world is very different now than when I grew up in the fifties on a farm in Wayne County. I am a third-generation Pentecostal Holiness Christian. When Dad and Grandpa John grew up, issues such as adultery, homosexuality, lying, and stealing were considered wrong by both the secular and Christian cultures. The same was basically true for my generation. The sinner and saint agreed. The overall culture supported basic biblical values.

The times are different now. There is no right or wrong in the American culture. Relativism and pluralism rule the day.

Many church people grieve over this past Christian culture. Is this a correct response, especially when it leads to little Christian activity and evangelism? The answer is a resounding *no*! God is not dead! The church has actually performed better in history in a pagan society. The church is never quite at home with the prestige and power of a Christendom time. The church was born in a manger, not in a mansion. The church is always at her blazing best in a time of mission.

The goal should be to be biblically correct more than to be politically correct. What does our Lord ask of us? What does He demand? What are the instructions of the Book?

The correct response is to engage the culture! Rise to the occasion! Live out the directives of the Lord! The church is not to be a box car full of great truth and blessings, but sitting on a siding. The church should engage the engine and ride in the main track.

Jesus expected His followers to engage the culture. "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves . . . But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak, for it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak, for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks" (Matthew 10:16, 19-20).

Paul strongly encouraged the disciples at Philippi to engage their culture. "...Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain" (Philippians 2:12-16).

Peter disagreed with Paul on some things, but he certainly agreed that a Christian should engage the culture. "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:11, 12).

What is the church to do? She must worship the sovereign triune God. Remember that expression in worship follows the impression of and by God. The church must evangelize the lost. Believers must be discipled. The saved must grow into mature and fruit-bearing believers. The saints must be equipped for service.

This is the time! This is the day! Christians and churches must return to their roots – the fire of first being saved, having the zeal of an almighty and all-living God, and the sense of personal duty *(Here I am; send me!)*. Churches must "move" with God and not institutionalize. They must be Pentecostal – led by the Spirit. They must be holiness – living a distinctly biblical lifestyle. The Lord will lead!

He himself lived in a pagan culture, but **did He engage the culture**!

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***Christ-Centered Preaching* by Bryan Chapell. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1994. Eighth Printing, 2001. 375 pages.**

Preaching is both an art and a science requiring a balance of theology and technique that does justice to the text, gives the listeners principles and truths to live by in any contemporary culture or setting, and glorifies God in presentation and results.

Today it seems preaching is adrift, following the currents of the day, and has in many places and with many people become secondary to ritualism, music and/or entertainment, and other activities designed to draw crowds and please customers. Perhaps, overall, preachers and expositors have not effectively bridged the gap between God's infallible Word and the problems, issues and concerns of those who listen to their messages, thereby making it seem that preaching is out of date and out of touch with reality.

Chapell gives students of homiletics sufficient reasons to blend theology and practical theology in such a way that Bible truths may be applied to people in a hurting world. Preachers and Sunday School teachers should not assume that people in the pew or classroom know how to apply the Word of God to their daily lives. Helping them understand the connection of the ancient text to contemporary times will enable them to internalize the specific Word to their particular and perhaps unique situation, thereby making the "so what" as important as "Thus saith the Lord!" Does not scripture teach us that if we are hearers and not doers of the Word, we are deceived? We should never be content in simply listening to sermons and messages from the Lord. He wants us to do, to practice, to "behave" what we "believe."

One feature that stands out in the book is the author's emphasis on "Fallen Condition Focus" (FCF), which means that every passage has in some way God's response to various aspects of our fallenness. Using Romans 15:4 as the support text for FCF, the author maintains throughout that high impact preaching includes truths that apply to the human condition, thereby enabling listeners to use Bible truths to correct, modify, explain, enhance, or empower them in their personal situations. Healthy preaching always focuses on human needs that require instruction, admonition, and/or comfort of Scripture after adequately explaining the text and clarifying the authority of Scripture to the particular need.

The only criticism I have concerning the rather expensive book is that although it is clearly designed to help preachers become better at preaching, very little in terms of addressing Christ-centered preaching is given. The subject appears to be an "addendum" where the author deals with keeping Christ as a central focus of the message. However, this is not to say the book has no value. It does. In my opinion, it is *"Magnum opus et arduum."*

***Lessons in Leadership: Fifty Respected Evangelical Leaders Share Their Wisdom on Ministry.* Randal Roberts, general editor. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1999. 282 pages.**

Finding good material to use in leadership development continues to be a never-ending task for the pastor and church leader. This publication offers some of the best insights and wisdom from fifty respected leaders made up of pastors, professors, and ministry leaders of the church today. Some of the contributors include Aubrey Malphurs, Kenneth Gangel, Carl F.H. Henry, Earl D. Radmacher, Leslie B. Flynn, Bill Bright, Stuart Briscoe, Luis Palau, Ted Engstrom, Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., and J. Robert Clinton, to name a few.

While it would not be feasible to sit down with each of the contributors, this book makes available their knowledge and insightful counsel in printed form. For this reason, it is an excellent resource for leadership development and training. Such issues and problems as prayer, the sufficiency of Christ, value of learning, formula for victory, criticism, mentors and role models, the value of people, challenges of music and worship, listening, avoiding subtle temptations, true success, and the privileges of leading are addressed in the publication.

Such topics offer stimulating thought for the person who desires to live leadership instead of just knowing leadership. Leadership is faith in action. However, since knowledge empowers the leader, it would be helpful to read this source and find fresh ideas and insights that will contribute to the health and direction of your church or organization. Happy reading!

Order these books and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, PO Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30639-0009, 1-800-541-1376.

Good news from New Life P. H. Church

God is really blessing us at New Life P. H. Church, with our new pastor, Rev. Anthony Rogers and his wife, Judy. We have had 25 saved and 9 join since Pastor Rogers came to our church. God is so wonderful.

We have purchased a new sign for the front of the church and are in the process of paving the parking lot. We have also started Royal Rangers and Missionettes. It is growing, and God is blessing that too. Our Women's Ministries is hard at work. They have had their first fund-raiser since the new director has been voted in. It has grown too.

We would like to thank God for our new pastor and his wife, Anthony and Judy Rogers. They are truly a blessing to us all.

–Michelle Williams
–Helen Weaver

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

Rev. Horace Warwick	June 1
Rev. Thad White	June 1
Rev. L. B. Collins	June 4
Rev. John Parker	June 5
Rev. John Slye	June 9
Rev. Haywood Price	June 11
Rev. Lester Jarrett	June 18
Rev. Lalleon Narron	June 29
Rev. Marvin Whitfield	June 29

Rev. and Mrs. Conrad N. Hall Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Joined by family and friends, Rev. and Mrs. Conrad N. Hall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday afternoon, April 27, 2002, in the fellowship hall of the Hope Mills Pentecostal Holiness Church. Their daughters, Faith Hall Crowder and Karen Hall Boswell, directed the ceremony.

Conrad N. Hall and Mavis Cathern Cheshire were united in marriage on April 28, 1952, in the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Chadbourn, N.C., by the late Rev. W.E. Thompson.

During their 50 years, Conrad and Mavis have been actively engaged in ministry. In their beginning years they established the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Chadbourn, N.C. From there they pastored at St Pauls, N.C., Tabernacle Church, Goldsboro, N.C., Emmanuel Church, Raleigh, N.C., Clinton, N.C., Vanceboro, N.C., Hope Mills, N.C. They retired from the pastorate at Hope Mills after serving nine years.

During their ministry, they have traveled extensively and were appointed by the Bishop of the denomination to serve as delegates to the World Pentecostal Conferences in Seoul, South Korea, and at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Since retirement they have been engaged in serving several interim pastorates, revivals, homecomings, etc. Along with this ministry they have been involved with their *"We Care Ministry,"* a benevolent ministry, sharing with needy individuals as well as areas of the denomination.

The Halls have two daughters. Faith Hall Crowder of Cary is a vice-president of Bank America Mortgage Department. She is married to Bill Crowder, Jr. Karen Hall Boswell of Lilburn, Georgia, is administrator (principal) of Valley Dale Elementary School, Atlanta, Georgia. She is married to Bob Boswell, Jr.

They have three grandsons. Keith Crowder graduated from N.C. State University, Raleigh, N.C., with a B.S. in business. Keith is married to the former Joanna Aries. Joshua Boswell graduated from Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri, with a B.S. in education. Joshua is married to the former Sara Shillcutt. Both Keith and Joshua received their degrees May 18, 2002. Jason Boswell is a student attending Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. He will graduate in May 2003.

Congratulatory messages were read from President and Mrs. George Bush; Bishop and Mrs. James Leggett, superintendent of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church; and Rev. and Mrs. T. Elwood Long, superintendent of the Falcon Children's Home, Falcon, N.C.

Messages were given in person by the Mayor of Hope Mills, Edwin S. Deaver, and Chief of Police, John Hodges.

Rev. Chris Thompson, superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, greeted Conrad and Mavis during the ceremony, related how Conrad's life had affected his life in his early days, and expressed his appreciation.

Mayor Deaver read a proclamation, a part of which read, "Now, therefore I Edwin S. Deaver, Mayor of Hope Mills, North Carolina do hereby proclaim April 28, 2002 as 'Rev. & Mrs Conrad Hall Day' in Hope Mills and join with the entire Hall family, friends, and all Hope Mills residents to wish for them a most happy and joyous Wedding Anniversary with best wishes for many more years of happiness and good health together. Proclaimed this the 24th day of April 2002, Signed Edwin S. Deaver, Mayor of Hope Mills."

Greetings and prayers were offered by Pastors Frank Gentry and Randall Strickland during the celebration.

Those attending the ceremony enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments and had an opportunity to wish for Conrad and Mavis the best for many years to come.

Mrs. Dovie Clark, Secretary, Reporter
Pentecostal Holiness Church, Hope Mills, North Carolina

Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church Dedication

On Sunday, April 7, 2002, Conference Superintendent Reverend Chris Thompson and wife, Betty, and Conference Secretary-Treasurer Reverend Roland Harrell and wife, Phyllis, led the dedication of the newly completed sanctuary of the Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church in the New Bern District. A capacity assembly of pastors, guests, builders, and friends joined in the celebration with the church membership and Pastor Steve Willis and wife, Nancy.

The new sanctuary building is designed to double the previous sanctuary seating capacity. Subsequent conversion of the old sanctuary, underway at present, will double the new Sunday school and fellowship spaces and is on target to be functional in less than a year.

These building improvements are totally to the credit of the Lord of the harvest, who has preceded, promoted, and provided for these and greater advances ahead in the Reelsboro area. The hand of God is moving in the camp for such blessings to be entrusted to this local congregation.

The Reelsboro Church is also indebted to the congregation's willingness to rise to the challenge before them. Many church people have done much to expedite the progress. Local contractors and the Extension Loan Fund and personnel in Falcon have provided vital resources to make this happen. Significant benefits have been provided as God honored the scriptural admonition to seek outside counsel from successful sources.

God is blessing in Reelsboro. The open door of warm welcome is extended to the seeking as well as the saved. May God grant His wisdom for the Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church to be used His way for His glory.

Thankfully submitted,
Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church and Pastor Steve Willis

GRACE FAMILY FELLOWSHIP 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Grace Family Fellowship Pentecostal Holiness Church, formerly called Robersonville Pentecostal Holiness Church, is a work ordained of God. The name was changed in 1995 at the conclusion of the third building phase at the current location on Hwy. 903 just at the edge of the town limits of Robersonville, the reason being that the family circle reaches all over Martin County and out into Pitt and Edgecombe Counties.

Through the years, God has planted, pruned and cultivated this work with love and with the utmost care, using the giftings and abilities of a dozen good men who have served as pastors, teachers, and counselors. Each pastor contributed to the advancement of its building programs as the need for it became evident, and nurtured the flock into deeper relationships with their Lord and Savior.

This work came to fruition in December 1951 with five charter members. By January 1952 the membership had grown to 36 in a small cinderblock building on the corner of Pecan St. and Hwy. 64. God had brought together a family of worshipers who had a mind to work, and work they have through the years. In 1955, already in need of more space and under the direction of Pastor Sam Whichard, they built and moved into their first church building on the same property beside the little cinderblock building. In 1967, the Lord had blessed the church financially so that under the leadership of Pastor Bobby Williams, they were able to hire a contractor and built their first parsonage on the vacant lot behind the church.

For the next 10 years, the church continued to move and at times fluctuate in growth, which is not uncommon when battling the enemy (Satan) of the work of God.

In 1987, the church board began to feel a stirring in their spirit that God was wanting to move them to a higher level; but in the existing building and property there was no room for further growth or expansion. After much prayer and discussion, Pastor Dwight Dunning and the board brought in a church building consultant to draw up plans and determine the cost to rebuild, and began searching for property suitable to relocate.

God was already preparing Pastor Noah Barefoot to pioneer this new venture. Pastor Barefoot came on board in 1988, and immediately a vision came into clear view to expand and move from Hwy. 64 across town to Hwy. 903. Thus, because of constant growth, began a three-phase building program that lasted for eight years. Today, Grace Family Fellowship has a sanctuary with a seating capacity of over 400; a fully equipped nursery for infants and toddlers; office space for pastor, minister of music, secretary; a library; eight classrooms; a family life center; a gym; a fully equipped kitchen; a storage room and four restrooms. God has been good to Grace Family Fellowship and has blessed them beyond anything they thought possible.

These people still have a mind to work! They are busy in ministry – and work at it untiringly. They have programs in place to minister to every age group: "Grace Notes" for pre-schoolers, Missionettes for young girls, Royal Rangers for young boys, T.H.E. (Through His Eyes) drama team for teenagers, Women's Ministry, Men's Fellowship and "Spirited Saints," a senior ministry. They are currently supporting six missionaries: Rose Boyd working out of Benson, N.C.; Linwood and Nancy Berry in Spain; Gail and Timmy Bowen; Joe and Maggie Delport; Althea Meyer and Gaby; Betty Rogers; and in different areas of Central Africa.

For about four full months the church was without a pastor from April to September 2001. Various preachers came to minister the Word. Retired Pastor Curtis Haislip, who had been attending the church for almost two years, was instated by the official board to serve as pastor of the "Spirited Saints" ministry, and became an interim pastor until Pastor Dallas Gurganus came on board in September 2001. Pastor Dallas has worked nonstop to get on top of all these programs to continue the vision and carry this work on to greater things for God. The Lord has blessed with Holy Ghost-anointed services, in the praise and worship as well as in the delivery of the Word. People are responding in almost every service to the invitation to receive Christ into their hearts and lives. There have been many conversions made as a result of the E.E. Program. Twenty-nine people have accepted membership into the church since Pastor Dallas came in. Praise God!

He began immediately to plan and orchestrate a 50th Anniversary celebration and did a fantastic job bringing it all together to make it the most outstanding event in the history of the church. We had a record-breaking attendance of 467 persons. The agenda called for bringing in as many former pastors and families as could come, each making reminiscent comments. Local dignitaries were invited. Mayor Frank Measamer addressed the congregation, commenting on the church's value to the community. Bishop James Leggett was unable to attend due to other duties but sent a letter of commendation that was read by Pastor Dallas. N.C. Conference IPHC Superintendent Rev. Chris Thompson and N.C. Conference Missions/Evangelism Director Rev. Danny Nelson were present and addressed the congregation. There was special singing by the Southern Hearts, who are active members of the church. Anointed and inspirational praise and worship laid a fertile foundation for the inspiring message of former Pastor Barefoot. The day's events concluded with a delicious meal served in the fellowship building.

A church van has been purchased for use by every department as needed, and to provide transportation to and from church for those in need of that service. The church is currently running an average of 210 in the a.m. worship service and 109 in Sunday school. Goals are in place to have an average attendance of 275 in the a.m. worship service and 140 in Sunday school by the end of the year. There is every expectation this will be exceeded months before the year-end. Why the emphasis on numbers? Every number represents a soul. Every lost soul is a field to be worked. The best is yet to come. **To God be the glory!**

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Lines from Linda...

CHANGE POINTS! They come to all of us.

My husband, Joe, says, "Everything changes." That is so true in this life. Just when we think we are about to get it all together, something changes. A number of my change points are very memorable for me. Some were very pleasant, and some created real crisis in my life.

My first major change point came when I was about to graduate from high school. I started school at Vanceboro Elementary and went from there to Farm Life High School with most of the same friends I began with in first grade. We were family. Weeks before graduation day, I became very sad thinking about the parting of ways that was about to take place. I knew that I would be leaving home for college, and life as I had known it for seventeen years would never be the same. This was a crucial time for me, and I remember very mixed emotions during what should have been a real time of celebration.

After getting settled in college and getting accustomed to the city, I loved living in Raleigh. But soon after college graduation, I faced another change point. Joe was graduating from NC State, and we were planning to be married soon afterward. I had to make the decision whether to come back home to accept a job at DuPont (and save some money for our wedding) or remain at my job there at the college until Joe finished school. I remember agonizing about that decision. I wasn't ready for that change point. I wanted to stay in Raleigh, but common sense told me I needed to move back home and start preparing for our future. I did follow my head instead of my heart, and moved back home; but that change point was a hard one for me.

Getting married was a joyful and exciting change point. It might have been more of a crisis had I been moving hundreds of miles away from my roots, but both Joe and I were within ten minutes of our families. We adjusted well to each other ... with the usual learning that most young couples go through. However, in three years a huge change point came to our lives when our first child was born. Since I was no longer the professional woman and now the stay-at-home mom, Scott truly changed my life. This was a change point I loved. In years that followed, Allen, Brynn and Emma were added .... each one bringing joyous change to our family.

The death of my daddy and then my mother were very difficult change points for me. When my baby started to school, I noted a drastic change point. As each child left for college, more change points appeared on the chart of my life. I could never fail to mention the wonderful change point that comes with grandchildren ... Sarah, Matt and Shelby have brought blessed change to us. On and on I could go with the many changes I have experienced over these fifty-nine years of life's journey.

Now I am at another major change point which brings very mixed emotions. In the early 1980s, Faye Leggett, serving as NC Conference Woman's Auxiliary president, asked me to serve as the Vanceboro District WM director. I happily accepted the position, but little did I know where that assignment would take me. In 1986 I was elected to serve as NC Women's Ministries (note name change) secretary-treasurer. I enjoyed eight years in that position working with Mary Belle Johnson as director. Then in 1994, I was elected as your NCWM Conference director. I have served in that capacity for eight years. The last sixteen years of my life have been heavily consumed in a high-profile position in the work and ministry of NCWM. This job has been very rewarding to me both professionally and spiritually.

It is not easy to walk away from a ministry into which I have put my heart and soul, as well as thousands of hours of hard work, travel and prayer. It is especially difficult when so many of you have encouraged me to stay for another term. However, after much prayer and contemplation, I feel it is the right time for me to turn the leadership over to whomever God has waiting in the wings. I pray that she will have a fresh vision from God, joyous enthusiasm and a great love for the women of the North Carolina Conference.

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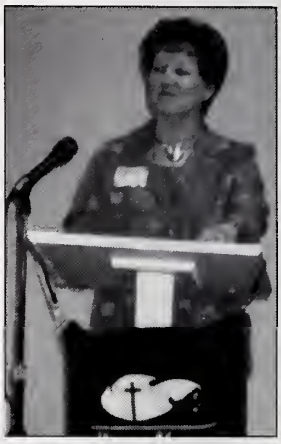
The NCWM director position is a big and demanding job when one views it as a calling from God. I have truly felt that Women's Ministries has been my ministry during the time I have been privileged to serve. Our women deserve no less than the best. They play a major role in the success of the local church, not to mention the huge impact they make through the special emphases offerings and outreaches they lead.

As assistant director of IPHC Women's Ministries, I hope to continue to serve you. God willing, I will be available to support you on both the local and conference levels. I have been assigned to lead a task force which is mandated to study the focus and purpose of IPHC Women's Ministries around the world. You will still be very much included in my job description and in my heart!

For the cooperation and support you have given to me during my years of conference leadership, I will be eternally thankful. Your love and fellowship have enriched my life beyond words. You have consistently made me proud to represent the women of North Carolina Conference. You have proven over and over again that God performs miracles through women who are willing to work for His purposes.

Yes, another change point! This time not just for me, but for you as well! I ask you to embrace your new leader with the same love and allegiance you have shown me. I challenge each of you to move into the new quadrennium with renewed zeal and determination to truly be "Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World."

Director's Council



Yvonne Jones brings devotional at Director's Council.

Local directors took advantage of the opportunity to learn about the updates to the Women's Ministries Leadership Manual, financial obligations and reporting, upcoming convention and other subjects of interest to them on Saturday, May 4. The meeting was held at the Falcon cafeteria/training center with 44 ladies present. Yvonne Jones, Greenville District WM director, gave an inspiring devotion to begin the day. The ladies also enjoyed a time of fun as Janice Marshburn led them in games ... to encourage them always to provide fun time at their local WM meetings.

They enjoyed a "Table Talk" session where they shared the things that are working in their local groups. Their focus was on attendance and retention of members. After each group held their brainstorming session, a reporter from each group reported their findings to the entire group. The data that was collected will be mailed to all local WM directors.

A delicious lunch was served by Connie Dunning, Cindy Hicks and Mary Clark of the Culbreth Memorial WM. This special day was designed especially for local directors, district directors and NCWM Board.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE

June is the month to honor fathers. I share some thoughts from Rev. John Hedgepeth in *Temple Tidings* of June 2001.

- A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic.
- A father is someone who gets very upset when the first report cards aren't what he thought they should be. He scolds his son, but he knows it's the teacher's fault.
- Fathers grow old faster than other people. That's because mothers can cry where it shows, but fathers must be strong outside and die inside.
- Fathers have very stout hearts, so they have to be broken sometimes or no one wm know what's really inside.
- Fathers are what give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough so they can have grandchildren smarter than anybody's.

Make Father's Day special at your home this year. Celebrate all week leading up to Father's Day on Sunday. Find some special way to honor Dad, not with tangible gifts, but with acts of love. Polish his shoes. Cook his favorite dessert. Go for a walk with him. Pack a picnic and meet him for lunch one day. Record yourself singing his favorite hymn and give the cassette to him. Write him a poem using the letters of his name to begin each sentence

The treasures Dad will most enjoy and remember are the fun times spent with YOU.

SHARING SISTER MONTH

The wonderful month of June is designated as Women's Ministries Sharing Sisters Month. You are encouraged to take advantage of this special emphasis to create or renew special relationships with your sisters in Christ.

In your local Women's Ministries group, each lady should have an assigned Sharing Sister with whom she interacts all during the year. Make time during June to do something very special together. Go shopping, to a play, to a museum, to a women's retreat, or whatever the two of you would enjoy doing together. Why not plan something special for each week of June? Make your Sharing Sister feel really special!

On the district level, each WM group is assigned a Sharing Sister group. Plan a get-together with them at some time during the month. You might just want to meet at a restaurant for a meal and have each group participate in a short devotion or sharing time. You might want to invite them to your June WM meeting. Whatever the event, you will be blessed by building relationships with your sisters from other congregations.

WHAT A RETREAT...

April 12 and 13, 2002, will stand out in the memory of many as a great *time of refreshing*. Great fellowship, worship and ministry were enjoyed by the nearly 800 women who met at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern, NC, for the annual NCWM Retreat.

The Friday evening service began with a video showing the outreaches of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries. Lois Trueblood, New Bern District WM director, gave a "Minnie Pearl" welcome complete with large-brim hat and price tag. A spirit-filled time of praise and worship was led by a team from Covenant Church in Greenville, after which Ernest Silver and Emma Bircher sang, "Giving My Best For You." Scott Bircher then introduced his new song, "Small Enough," singing a powerful message of God's using small things for great glory.

Debbie Morris, author of *Forgiving the Dead Man Walking,* gave her powerful testimony of how God brought her to a place of forgiveness after she was kidnapped, terrorized and raped repeatedly while her boyfriend was tortured, shot and left for dead. She revealed the horrors she suffered during her abduction and how it affected her life afterward for many years. She shared how recovery came as her faith in God was rekindled and she became willing to truly forgive.

The culmination of the evening service was a Candlelight Worship Time. Ladies quietly left the great auditorium and went with lighted candles outside to the waterfront for a time of meditation

NCWM Board poses with retreat speaker Debbie Morris.

and prayer. What a sight it was to see hundreds of candles, representing forgiving hearts, burning there in the night in such a beautiful setting.

April Hardee started the day on Saturday with a concert of song and testimony. She blessed the hearts of those present by sharing how God brought her through the death of her twin baby boys last year .... and by closing with the announcement that she is again pregnant.

Mary Belle Johnson represented the Alternative to Abortion Ministry. A video was shown revealing the ministry of ATAM: the Royal Homes for unwed mothers and the New Life Adoption Center. She shared about the ministry and statistics regarding abortion. After her presentation an offering of over $1500 was received for ATAM as diaper bags were passed through the congregation.

A special feature of the Saturday morning agenda came as North Carolina Lieutenant Governor Beverly Perdue brought greetings and comments. As a devout Christian woman, she encouraged the women to fulfill God's purposes in their lives through the giftings and callings God has given them.

Following a short lemonade break, Scott and Emma Bircher sang "On My Knees," after which Debbie Morris presented a workshop on The Healing Power of Forgiveness. At the close of her workshop, opportunity for special prayer was given as prayer leaders circled the auditorium to offer time for small group prayer. In those small groups, as people shared their burdens with one another and lifted up their needs to God, many ladies truly experienced a *time of refreshing*. Some remained to pray even after the meeting closed. Praise be to God for reports of needs being met and hurts being healed.

Meshelder & Phyllis all smiles as they welcome ladies to the retreat.

Eastside ladies at candlelight worship.

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"Partners in Ministry"

When God Closes the Door, Remove Your Hands from the Knob!

Almost two years ago, I was working on my job as an electrical superintendent when a terrible accident took place. A co-worker and I were working on top of a structure, approximately three stories high, when my coworker fell from a platform lift to the ground.

Tragically, my coworker, my friend, did not survive the fall. Witnessing his death shook me emotionally to the core. Not only was I grieved at the loss of my coworker and friend, but my entire life changed completely that day. You see, though I was not personally at fault for the accident (my coworker had neglected to buckle his safety belt), someone had to be the "fall guy," and that was me. I had been working for this company for almost 16 years and had worked myself to the top position on construction sites. Yet to satisfy the insurance company, my company removed me from my supervisory level and took away the salary and benefits that had gone with my job title.

Shocked that the company I had served so diligently had not supported me during this horrible event, I felt that I had to move on because I was no longer comfortable working for them. I signed on with the electricians' union, though it required me to travel throughout the United States from job to job. Consequently I was separated from my family and my church for as much as four months at a time. Really missing my family and my church friends, I began praying to God to help me get a job close to home. The money was good, but I felt completely isolated. I felt that my family's lives were going on without me, and I even felt I wasn't doing the jobs God had called me to do in my church, the way I wanted and needed to do them.

It seemed almost immediately I was able to find work at home! I knew God had answered my prayers. But everything didn't go exactly as I thought it should, and naturally I began to question if I had really done the right thing. Then the union called. Surprise, surprise, they offered me a job within an hour of home. I really didn't know what to do! So I beseeched God to please help me again. I asked Him, "Lord, if this was not the right job for me to take, will You please close the door?" And close the door He did!

You would think that had settled things in my mind, but you know how us "believers" can sometimes behave! It wasn't long at all before the union had my phone ringing again. Again they tempted me with the offer of another job within an hour of home. I felt this must be right or these people wouldn't continue to call me. Would they? So I told them that I would take the job, but strangely, I didn't really feel good about my decision.

As I was traveling to this new job site, I began to feel very odd. Usually a fairly calm guy, I was nervous and sweaty. The closer I got to this place, the more rapidly and unsteadily it seemed my heart was beating! My stomach knotted up with a feeling like the homesickness of a kid going away to camp for the first time. Mentally I began wrestling within myself over the career decision I had made.

I arrived at the job site and even went in to introduce myself. Never experiencing anything like this before, I had an intense desire to "get away," as if I was really in a place God did not want me to be. Knowing I didn't have a rational explanation to offer, I simply excused myself and headed for home. Amazingly, the closer I got to home, the better I felt. Like Jacob, it was really God I had been wrestling with the whole time as I stubbornly tried to open the very door I had asked Him to close.

You see, I had talked to God and asked Him for a job at home. Not only did He answer my prayer quickly, but He had given me the opportunity to work with a company owned by a Christian man. And when a more "enticing" opportunity came along, I asked God to close the door if it was not the right job for me ... and He did! Yet like a hardheaded teenager, I kept right on trying to open that door until God finally had to bring me to a point of understanding.

So what's the moral of this true-life experience I have shared with you today? First, don't take anything in your life for granted. As I learned, it takes only a second to change everything. Second, and most important, ***when God closes a door, keep your hand off the knob****! We need to learn to trust God's decisions and stop trying to change His mind!*

"Building His Church ... By Discipling Men!"

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Seeking to be Like the Father

"He that has seen me has seen the father" (John 14:9).

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10: 27, 28).

Once you and I have received the gift of eternal life, an access to our heavenly Father has been granted. This open door leads us to the throne of grace with the right to petition our Father. As we petition Him, He reveals to us His Heart and our complete destiny as His children.

As parents, we know how hard it is for our children to obey and follow that which we ask of them. That is the same way we sometimes are with God. He has asked us to *hear His voice, follow Him,* and *continue* in the state of abiding by His side, yet we fail to obey. Many things on earth and in the heavens have not been fulfilled nor accomplished because of our disobedience and lack of commitment.

Our heavenly Father is seeking those who will obey, those who want to know His heart and purpose, those who want to have fellowship and communion with Him. God wants a close relationship with His children. He is looking for His sons and daughters to honor Him. He is also looking for those who will love Him, at all times of the day, in every circumstance in which they may find themselves. He is seeking those who will truly know who He is and what He is truly about.

Our spiritual Father is a parent who loves us no matter what. He has given us an inheritance that no earthly father could ever give. In order to obtain this inheritance, we must be in a constant relationship with Him. In this relationship and communication, known as a life of prayer, we obtain the full knowledge of what He has given us, and what we have yet to obtain.

As we celebrate Father's Day and Mother's Day, let us remember that the greatest inheritance we leave our children is an example of a *life of prayer* and the relationships we have with our heavenly Father and each other.

Jesus gave us the perfect example of unity by showing us the relationship between the Father and Himself. The intimacy of this Father and Son relationship is revealed throughout Scripture. Christ said, ***"I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me"*** (John 17:23).

We must be willing to imitate the unity Christ and the Father have modeled for us if we are to build His Kingdom successfully.

Unity comes when we link hearts and hands in prayer to partner with the heavenly Father in His plan and purpose for saving the lost. And when we are prayerless, we are powerless.

God the Father has empowered us with all we need in order to fulfill the work of the Kingdom. It is of great importance that we position ourselves as His heirs, taking our place in this world with authority and power, and overcoming the powers of the enemy through prayer.

The Father has done a complete work in us; all we need to do is follow the example that He left for us by praying, reading and studying the Word, fasting, praising and worshiping, winning the lost, and being an example to our children and the world.

As children of God, may you and I display the character and integrity of our heavenly Father in all we do and say.

May the life of Christ that lives within us be evident to all we meet.

May we seek Him and pursue His heart and will.

May your life of *prayer* increase as you seek to know God better.

As we celebrate Father's Day, let us remember that our heavenly Father wants us to be like Him.

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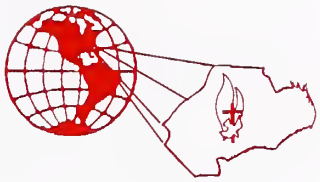

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

ENLARGING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

God is birthing new churches in Fayetteville, North Carolina. His purposes and plans are revealed to man in order for His kingdom to be enlarged. For nany years God gave me a vision and calling for prayer and ntercession. Little did I know that out of this prayer group God was raising a pastor and a church.

Our meeting began in my home on Tuesday mornings, and 'or many years people would come to receive the Word and prayer. As we continued, God began to stir my heart in a clearer direction of where He was taking us. Some of the people who were attending the meetings did not have a church fellowship or a clear direction where to attend Sunday services. Out of this small group of five people, the Abiding in Him Ministries was birthed.

The ministry began to enlarge itself as we met in four different cell groups within our homes. On Tuesdays we met at Pastor Figueroa's home for prayer and leadership classes, then on Wednesdays at Rosaida DeJesus' home for discipleship classes and new converts. We also opened a discipleship class at Barbara Butler's apartment. On Saturdays we would meet for evangelism outreach in the city. We culminated the week with a Sunday service in the home of Jose and Edmee Delgado. These classes and services continued in the homes for three years.

God began to send more people, and within the span of a year we ended up with 10 dedicated people with the same vision. We continued to pray and teach the Word of God, also mentoring believers for leadership. This resulted in a growth of 21 people. As we continued to grow, God began to give us scriptures that would exhort us to mature and grow. He also began to stir in our hearts to look for a building where we would house a church plant. We prayed and fasted for more than a year in order to obtain the place to which God had called us. We began to do different activities such as Friend Day and invited people to come to church and have lunch with us. That day we ended up with 47 people in our small home church. This gave us a greater vision and motivation to move forward in obtaining a building to house the church.

During this time of waiting on God, people began to tithe and give offerings for the work of the kingdom. A piano, printer, copier, chairs, fax machine, communion table, pulpit and tables were donated to us. We purchased some desks, chairs, book shelves, filing cabinets, a computer, scanner and projector. As we moved by faith, on April 4, 2002, we obtained our new location where the church is housed at 3535 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina. This also came through the hand of God and a Christian businessman in our city.

The vision of the Abiding in Him Ministries was also supported and sponsored by the Departments of Evangelism and World Missions. What a great joy it is for us to birth forth the kingdom of God in unity and love.

We have moved into our new building with a lot of confidence and trust in God for the future. We are now holding the following services:

Sunday Prayer Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Youth and Evangelism Outreach 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Discipleship and Teaching 7:00 p.m.
Twice a month - Mentoring and Leaders' Meetings

Our services are being blessed with the awesome presence of God and His outpouring. We praise God for all the people who have believed in the vision of planting a new church in the area of Fayetteville, North Carolina. We also want to thank the Stedman IPHC and Pastor Strickland for donating a new sound system to our church. Our thanks go out to the New Bern IPHC, Pastor Steve Willis, and Saint Pauls IPHC, Pastor Raymond Faircloth, for their love and generous donations.

The Abiding in Him Church, on Sunday morning, celebrated Mother's Day and the Family. We had 38 present in our Sunday worship service - to God be the glory! We believe that the increase will come as we join together in prayer, fasting and the studying of His Word. This ministry is still in the infant stages of birth, yet the babe has been born, and we need your prayers and support. We would love for you to come and be a part of one of our services. The excitement of this birth will enhance your life as you see the evidence of the hand of God at work.

Victory Praise and Worship Center
Building New Facilities

Victory Praise and Worship Center is on the move, building new facilities 2½ miles north of Scotland Neck, North Carolina, on Hwy. 125, that will hold 225 people. Pastor Shropshire said if the church continues to grow at the rate it is now growing, these new facilities will be antiquated in a few years, if not sooner. Pastor Shropshire said plans are already in place for this expansion.

The church has over 8½ acres of land with plenty of room for expansion. The cost of these new facilities is approaching a half million dollars. God is good. The congregation hopes to be in these new facilities somewhere in the month of July/August 2002.

Dedication of these new facilities, along with homecoming, will be on September 29, 2002. The church has a full-size commercial type of kitchen with a serving counter 19 feet long. The fellowship dining hall will comfortably hold more than 120 people at one time with expansion room for overflow. The church will have a state-of-the-art sound system with Powerpoint and computer camera with monitors all around the church facilities at a cost of over $33,000.00, not including an up-to-date fire alarm and security system. The lighting in the sanctuary is recessed, with dimmer control from the sound system operation panel. Each lighting circuit can be control separately.

Pastor Shropshire is looking ahead to future expansions, which will include an indoor full-size basketball and tennis court, a 300-seat capacity outdoor amphitheater, an outdoor tennis court, a full-size softball diamond, and lots more. Victory Praise and Worship Center's ministry is geared to reaching the community for Christ and accommodating the needs of all people spiritually and academically, and with plenty of recreation. Pastor Shropshire's motto is, "Find a need and fill it."

Pastor Shropshire said the people were ready for this move after 15 years of fasting and prayer for the right time. It was under the vision of a former pastor, Rev. David Kirkland, who raised a tremendous amount of money, that the vision is being carried on by Pastor Shropshire.

Pastor Shropshire said the people at Victory Praise and Worship Center are the most gracious people he has ever worked with. They have been faithful and patient in this transitional time in worshiping in a Presbyterian church. The Nahalah Presbyterian Church has graciously offered to us their facilities to worship in and has accommodated us in a loving way. Thank God for God's people of all faiths who are willing to work with other denominations in their time of need.

Victory Praise and Worship Center's slogan is *"Changing a Generation."*

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
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Bottom Line...
Profit and Loss
2 John 8-9

God's work is always in jeopardy, and those of us who are leaders must stay alert to the dangers. Sometimes Satan comes as a lion to devour (1 Peter 5:8), and at other times he comes as a serpent to deceive (2 Cor. 11:3). No matter what Satan may attempt, we must be "sober" and "vigilant" to protect God's work and see to it that the ministry to His workers goes on with blessing.

In these two verses, the aged apostle John pointed out two special threats to the church: the danger of losing what we have gained, and the danger of making gains that are really losses. You and I certainly need discernment and wisdom to detect these dangers and overcome the enemy.

As to the first danger, John tells us, "Look to yourselves, that we not lose those things we have worked for, but that we receive a full reward" (v. 8). Sometimes we are so anxious to move forward in God's work that we fail to conserve and protect the blessings we have already received.

When we consider some of the images of the church given in the New Testament, this warning becomes even more arresting. The Church is a spiritual family, and we must take care of the new "babies" that God gives us. Who would think of bringing a baby into the world and then abandoning it? The church is a field (1 Cor. 3:6-9), and we must cultivate the seeds and pull up the weeds if we expect to have a good harvest. The church is God's temple (1 Cor. 3:9-17), and if a building is not kept in good repair, it falls down.

Finally, the church is also God's spiritual army (2 Tim. 2:3-4), and we must take care lest we win the battle and end up losing the war. If a conquering army fails to keep the enemy under control, all the new territory gained will eventually be lost. Every general knows how important it is to leave troops behind to guard the gains.

Who is to blame when the church loses its gains? *We* are! John did not blame Satan: he wrote, "Look to yourselves..." If we are losing our gains, we have nobody to blame but ourselves. As spiritual leaders, we must guard God's work and see to it that a few are not taking two steps forward and sliding three steps backward. If that is happening, not only is God's work in danger, but also we are in danger of losing our reward.

The second danger is that of making gains that are really losses. The New International Version of verse 9 reads, "Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God..." This is a warning against the "progressive theology" that abandons "the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints" (Jude 3, NIV) and ends up denying Jesus Christ. Over the centuries, more than one ministry has gone backward by trying to move "forward' in developing a so-called up-to-date doctrinal position.

To be sure, there is always more to be learned from the Bible! And the unchanging Word of God must constantly be related to whatever new insight men discover in Scripture. But to go beyond the fundamental truths that the church holds dear is to make "gains" that are really losses. We must know the truth, live the truth, defend the truth, and share the truth with others. But we must never go *beyond* that truth.

God's people certainly want to see God's work move forward. We want to see the family grow, but we must be sure we are caring for the new babies properly. We want the field to produce a great harvest, but this means caring for the field, lest the weeds move in and take over. The Christian army must conquer new territory, but let us be sure we hold on to the territory we already have, lest we turn victories into defeats.

This is why God's work is so important, and why it demands the very best that we can give it. We are on guard duty for God, staying alert to protect our gains and rejecting profits that are really losses. If you ask, "...Who is sufficient for these things?" (1 Cor. 2:16), the answer is clear: "...Our sufficiency is from God" (2 Cor. 3:5). That's the bottom line.

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From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

At the Falcon Camp Meeting (2002)

WE ARE FAMILY!

Preparing the Individual to Soar!

Falcon Camp Meeting began in the fires of Holiness Revival at the end of the 19th century. This year marks 103 years of faithful ministry to the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the community. The influence of the camp meeting now reaches throughout North Carolina and the U.S.A., and ultimately around the world through its missions emphasis.

The theme for this year's ministry is **We Are Family**. Falcon Camp Meeting has always ministered to the entire family. For years Florence H. Goff, affectionately known as "Ma Goff," conducted special services for the children during the Camp Meeting. The beginnings of the Falcon Children's Home can be traced directly to Mr. J. A. Culbreth, who also founded the Falcon Camp Meeting.

Betty and I are excited about the speakers and services this year. We are praying and believing the Lord for a mighty Pentecostal outpouring on all the family, from the youngest in the nursery to the oldest senior saint sitting on the new, padded chairs (Hallelujah!). Come and join us.

The services begin on *Sunday night, July 14* at 6:30 p.m. The concluding service is *Sunday night, July 21*, at 5:30 p.m. A full schedule is enclosed later in this edition of the *Evangel*.

Following are the special events of this year's Camp Meeting. Meals will be available on campus in the Cafeteria Training Center, Monday – Sunday. The canteen will be opened after the evening services, Monday – Saturday. Special picnic facilities will be available for Sunday, July 21. Rooms are available at $15.00 per night in the Taylor Home, Former C.E. Home, and the newly renovated Ray J. Ward School Building Dormitory. The cost is $10.00 per night in the Blue Dormitory. An additional $2.00 per person per room per night is charged for three or more in the room. Secretary Dolores Reynolds should be contacted for reservations at 910-980-1162.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ***Early Morning Prayer*** – NC Conference WIN Director, Lydia Figueroa, will lead a special time of intercession each morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Octagon Tabernacle. The Octagon Tabernacle will be open each day for prayer, and evening intercessions will be led by Sister Figueroa and team in the Auditorium Prayer Room.
- ***Nursery*** – A nursery will be available for evening services in the Cafeteria Training Center for Children under two. Specially trained attendants will be on duty. Children must be picked up immediately at the end of the service.
- ***Children's Camp Meeting*** – A special Children's Camp Meeting service will be held each evening in the Training Room of the Ray Ward School Building Dormitory. Children three to nine are encouraged to attend the services. Whittle-Do, Rev. Terry Whittenton, will lead the services. The services will be Sunday night, July 14 through Friday night, July 19.
- ***Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon*** – This special time of appreciation will be hosted by Superintendent Thompson and the Conference Board at lunch on Thursday. Special honorees will be the 2002 retirees.
- ***Falcon Children's Home Emphasis*** – The Children's Home will be furnishing the special music on Thursday evening, July 18. Superintendent T. Elwood Long will lead the emphasis.
- ***Memorial Service*** – The memorial service for the Camp Meeting Association will be combined with the Memoirs Committee of the NC Conference. The service will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Gary Strickland will be in charge. Names for the Camp Meeting Association should be given to Brother Strickland or Secretary Dolores Reynolds.
- ***Ministers' Wives Fellowship*** – The banquet will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 19. The meeting will be held in the Conference Cafeteria Private Dining Room. Mrs. Betty Thompson, MWF director, will lead the meeting.
- ***Youth Emphasis*** – The Conference Church Education Ministries Director, Rev. Charles Boyd, and Board will sponsor a youth service on Saturday evening, July 20. Rev. Warren Beemer will be the speaker.
- ***Singspiration*** – Music Director Wiley Hughes will coordinate a singspiration service on Sunday afternoon, July 21, at 3:00 p.m. Those desiring to sing should speak to Director Hughes.
- ***World Evangelism Emphasis*** – The NC Conference World Missions Director, Rev. Danny Nelson, will lead the Camp Meeting and Conference in collecting the 2002 Global Outreach Offering. A goal of $265,000.00 has been set. Each church is asked to report and/or turn in their offering by Wednesday, July 17. Several missionaries will be present.
- ***Sunday School*** – The Sunday School lesson on July 21 will be taught in the Octagon Tabernacle at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. June Strickland of Stedman, the 2001 National and NC Sunday School Teacher of the Year, will be teaching.
- ***NC Conference Quadrennial Session*** – The 92nd session of the NC Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church will meet on Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21. Bishop James D. Leggett of Oklahoma City will be presiding.
- ***New Minister Installation*** – On Friday, July 19 at 11:00 a.m., Bishop Leggett will give the charge to the new NC Conference Ministers.
- ***Ordination Service*** – On Saturday, July 20 at 11:00 a.m., Bishop Leggett and the NC Conference Board will lead in the ordaining of the NC Conference candidates.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday, July 14

6:30 P.M.	–	Rev. Doyle Marley

Monday, July 15

7:45 A.M.	–	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	–	Prayer Meeting Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	–	Rev. Doyle Marley
11:00 A.M.	–	Dr. Earl Beatty
12:30 P.M.	–	Lunch
5:30 P.M.	–	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	–	Choir practice
7:30 PM.	–	Dr. Leroy Baker

Tuesday, July 16

7:45 A.M.	–	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	–	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	–	Dr. Leroy Baker
11:00 A.M.	–	Dr. Earl Beatty
12:30 P.M.		Lunch
5:30 P.M.	–	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	–	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.		Rev. Doyle Marley

Wednesday, July 17

7:45 A.M.	–	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.		Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	–	Rev. Doyle Marley
11:00 A.M.	–	Dr. Earl Beatty
12:30 P.M.		Lunch
12:30 P.M.	–	Full-Time Evangelists' Luncheon
5:30 P.M.	–	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	–	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	–	Dr. Leroy Baker

Thursday, July 18

7:45 A.M.	–	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	–	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.		Dr. Leroy Baker
11:00 A.M.	–	Dr. Earl Beatty
12:30 P.M.	–	Lunch
12:30 P.M.	–	Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon
5:30 P.M.	–	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	–	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	–	Rev. Doyle Marley

Friday, July 19

7:45 A.M.	–	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	–	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:00 A.M.		Conference Session Bishop James D. Leggett, Presiding Officer
11:00 A.M.	–	New Minister Installation
12:30 P.M.	–	Lunch
2:30 P.M.	–	Memorial Service
4:30 P.M.		Ministers' Wives Fellowship
5:30 P.M.	–	Dinner
6:30 P.M.	–	Choir Practice
7:30 P.M.	–	Dr. Leroy Baker

Saturday, July 20

7:45 A.M.	–	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.		Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:00 A.M.	–	Conference Session
11:00 A.M.		Ordination Service Bishop James D. Leggett
12:30 P.M.	–	Lunch
5:30 P.M.	–	Dinner
7:00 P.M.		Youth Emphasis Director Charles Boyd Message: Warren Beemer

Sunday, July 21

7:45 A.M.	–	Breakfast
8:30 A.M.	–	Prayer Meeting – Octagon Tabernacle
9:30 A.M.	–	Sunday School – Octagon Tabernacle June Strickland
10:45 A.M.	–	Rev. Doyle Marley
12:30 P.M.	–	Lunch
3:00 P.M.	–	Singspiration Rev. Wiley Hughes
5:30 P.M.	–	World Evangelism Emphasis Director Danny Nelson Message: Dr. Leroy Baker

• Special Note – Continuing Education Units will be awarded to ministers who attend the 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. classes and promotional conference. A minimum of one credit will be offered for each session.

The 9:30 A.M. service will be in the Octagon Tabernacle. All other sessions of the camp meeting wil be in the J.A. Culbreth Tabernacle.

ROOMS AVAILABLE:

Rooms are available at $15.00 per night in the Taylor Home, former C.E. Home, and newly renovated School Building. The rate is $10.00 per night in the Blue Dormitory. An additional $2.00 per person per room is charged for three or more to the room. Secretary Dolores Reynolds should be contacted for reservations at 910-980-1162.

MEALS:

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Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed

The Ways of God: How God Reveals Himself Before a Watching World by Henry T. Blackaby and Roy T. Edgemon, Nashville:Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2000, 180 pages.

The faith walk of the Christian requires a vital, living connection with God the Author and Completer of faith. Blackaby and Edgemon contend that God's ways are very different from the ways of the world, and if believers are to follow Him and fulfill their purpose in life, they must accept the difference and learn to live by it.

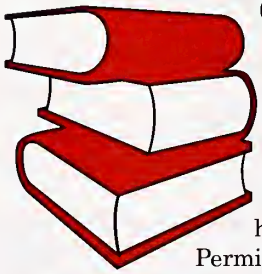
Written on an eighth- or ninth-grade reading level, and evidently targeted at the novice or beginner in the faith, the book offers a biblical perspective on how to follow and please God in all things pertaining to faith and practice. God's ways, consistent with the infallible Word of God, tend to be elusive to the person whose life is marked by disobedience and selfishness. Yet God, who is faithful, will discipline and correct His erring child to put him or her back on the path of righteousness, such as the prophet Jonah, David the son of Jesse, and the disciple Simon Peter.

A recurring theme, which seems to be consistent with anyone walking in the center of God's will, is the idea of holiness and a right relationship with God. The Bible, replete with examples of those who, when God spoke, failed to hear or recognize the warning or command, teaches that anyone who seeks to please God must walk in holiness. Walking in the ways of God includes walking in holiness. Depart from holiness, and you depart from God's ways and His will. The highway of the upright is to depart from evil. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is the ways of death.

Each chapter conveys a truth about God's ways that, when viewed as a whole, presents a logical structure of understanding and living out God's ways. The authors have provided helpful study guides for each chapter that will enhance the study of this important subject.

Finding and following the will of God is not always easy. It has been my experience that the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and circumstances play a part in determining God's will for a person's life. Life is made up of choices. The sum of your life right now conforms to the cumulative choices and decisions you have made thus far.

Every believer must ask himself or herself, "Am I serving self or serving eternity?" Viewing life from God's perspective, made possible only by receiving His heavenly wisdom, tends to direct the life in light of eternity. After all, what lasts forever is God's eternal purpose, and he or she who consistently does the will of God.



The Big Book of Job Descriptions for Ministry by Larry Gilbert and Cindy Spear. Lynchburg:Gospel Light, 2001, 316 pages.

Clarity of expectations, duties, and responsibilities in church work remains an essential part of good administration. This publication meets a real need for the Church by providing 220 job descriptions of every sort imaginable. A CD-ROM is included to help the user modify or enhance the existing job descriptions. Permission is granted by the authors to photocopy the ready-made job descriptions that may be distributed and filed in your own church setting.

This book prevents the pastor or church administrator from having to re-create the wheel. It saves time and money. It considers areas of concern and expectations that you may not have considered. It includes job descriptions for paid staff and volunteers.

The main ministry descriptions include administration, adults, buildings and grounds, children, creative arts, family, hospitality, library, media, men, music, nursery, outreach-inreach, prayer, senior adults, singles, sports, stewardship, women and youth. *The Big Book* is designed to help you "better organize and equip your team for the tasks at hand." Happy Reading! MLD

Order these books and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 1-800-541-1376.

HOMEGOING

Geneva Tedder Godwin was born in Wilson, N. C., September 5, 1923. She left this world for heaven on April 15, 2002. Mrs. Godwin wed Rev. T. H. Godwin December 24, 1941, after finishing high school at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia, on May 27, 1941.

The Lord blessed this union with three children. Their son, Thoburn H. Godwin, Jr., and his wife Linda reside in Sanford, N. C. Their first daughter, Judy Lavonne Ommert, and her husband Jack live in Toledo, Ohio. Their youngest child, Dorcas Joanna Rice, lives in Los Angeles, California. Three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive. She is also survived by seven sisters and three brothers.

The Godwins entered the pastorate after he served in the U. S. Armed Forces in 1943. She was a faithful and dedicated servant during the entirety of those years until he retired in 1991 and afterward. The Lord gave them sixty years, three months, and twenty-two days together in marriage.

The Godwins retired to Wilson, N. C., where they had begun life together. Due to Geneva's declining health, they relocated to Sanford, N. C., early in 2002 to be near their son. Prior her demise, "Gen," as Brother Godwin affectionately called her, spent five weeks in Keller's Nursing Home in Sanford and then moved to St. Joseph's Nursing Facility in Southern Pines, N. C., due to her need for skilled care. She expired at Moore County Hospital in Carthage, N. C., on April 15, 2002.

Geneva's homegoing was celebrated on Thursday, April 18, 2002, in Shingleton Funeral Home in Wilson, N. C. Celebrated? Yes, because she has arrived home, and she will never have to leave home again. Her family and friends miss her and mourn her passing, but they know she is safely in the care of our Lord.

Pastor Jesse Horne of Lamm's Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church (the location of Rev. and Mrs. Godwin's membership since 1941) and T. Elwood Long, superintendent of the Falcon Children's Home officiated. Rev. Long, former North Carolina Conference superintendent, also extended greetings from Conference Superintendent D. Chris Thompson, who was unable to participate. Rev. Wiley Clark sang some of Geneva's favorite songs. Her body was laid to rest in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson, N. C. It is with honor we pay tribute to a great lady of the faith.

PINETOWN CHURCH NEWS

Pinetown has made several improvements to their church. They built a handicap ramp and sidewalk with a shelter over the handicap entrance. They also built a handicap accessible bathroom.

They had a groundbreaking ceremony for their fellowship hall. Hopefully, the fellowship hall will be completed in the fall.

Their "First Annual Family Day," which included a pig-picking, was a big success in spite of the rain.

God is blessing Pinetown church.

Pinetown Pentecostal Holiness Church (Porch added in 2000)

2002 Groundbreaking Ceremony for Fellowship Hall L to R: Lewis Squires, Larry Jefferson (member), Shelby Squires (pastor)

Handicap Ramp with shelter built in 2001.

Overhang added this year.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Lines from Linda...

After eight years of writing this monthly column, I find it hard to know how to begin this, what I assume to be my final edition. I have used this space to share with you, the readers, insight into who I am and what Women's Ministries is all about. I have shared folksy family stories, church news, and sometimes, in spite of myself, my own personal opinions about issues. So what is left for me to share? I suppose the last thoughts I would want to leave with you are those of appreciation, as well as encouragement.

So many of you have expressed to me how much you have enjoyed "Lines From Linda" and how you have used situations related in this column in sermons or devotionals. My own pastor, with my permission, submitted one of my writings to a ministerial magazine and earned $30. He offered to give the earnings to me, but I told him to take his wife out to dinner and enjoy it. I am just so honored that the experiences of my life and thoughts that I have shared with you through this medium can be used to bless others. I am in the process of putting all the writings from "Lines From Linda" (along with some other writing I have done) into copyrighted book form.

I also want to express thanks to each church family that has invited me to visit and participate in services. I have met so many wonderful people and been so graciously received as I have shared the programs of Women's Ministries throughout the North Carolina Conference. I have also enjoyed speaking and singing for your WM Day services. I have been honored to represent you at various General-level events, and particularly happy to serve presently as assistant director of International Pentecostal Holiness Church Women's Ministries. I would never have been afforded these privileges had I not first of all been elected to serve my own NC family churches.

For those of you who have participated in the trainings, retreats, rallies, and conventions which our board has planned and executed, my hope is that you have grown both spiritually and professionally. I strongly believe God's business is the most important business in the world and that leaders in the church should take advantage of every opportunity to better equip themselves to carry on His business. Being a certified Facilitative Leadership trainer, I have used this expertise during my term as NCWM director to enhance the professionalism of local Women's Ministries leaders. I am also available to hold training seminars for local church leadership as well.

As for encouragement, I believe in the ministry of Women's Ministries. I believe there are avenues that are yet untapped. WM is no longer just a service-oriented organization. The projects and funds that are raised are a vital part of the ministry; but women are also now being encouraged to use the giftings God has given them in every area. Whether in the kitchen or in the pulpit, women must fulfill God's purposes for their lives. The programs of Women's Ministries challenge women to get out of their comfort zone... to stretch themselves ... as God expands their territory. Pastors and church leaders, it is up to you to provide opportunities in the church for women to minister according to their callings.

And so... I am now ready to leave this space in *The Evangel* to the new NCWM director. I ask that you offer her the same support and open arms that you have given me. Invite her into your churches... not just for WM meetings but for other occasions as well. Support her by promoting the work of Women's Ministries on the local level. Accept her as a valid member of the leadership of the North Carolina Conference, as Women's Ministries contributes significantly to the overall church program. And ... most important of all ... hold her up in prayer as she leads the women through this quadrennium.

She is ***today's woman touching tomorrow's world***.

Linda and Joe hope to have time now for some fun and travel!

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

I watched the flag pass by one day; it fluttered in the breeze;
A young man in uniform saluted it, and then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform... so young, so tall, so proud;
With hair cut square and eyes alert, he'd stand out in the crowd.

I thought, How many men like him have fallen through the years?
How many died on foreign soil? How many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down? How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?

No, freedom is not free...

I heard the sound of taps one night, when everything was still.
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times that taps had meant "Amen"
When a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children, of mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands with interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington...

No, freedom is not free.

.... *Major Kelly Strong*

During this July month, as we celebrate Independence Day and the freedom of our nation, may we remember the price that was paid for our freedom. It took the blood of our forefathers to guarantee our liberty as citizens of the United States of America.

By the same token, let us also remember that our salvation was purchased through the blood of our Savior. Jesus, the Christ, gave His life to bring freedom from the wages of sin so that we can have eternal life.

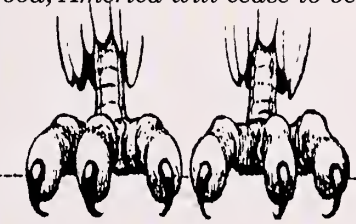
Praise God for national freedom .... But praise God even more for freedom in Christ. Let us always remember the price of freedom. Someone had to pay!

No, freedom is not free!

GOD BLESS AMERICA

The French statesman, Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859) studied the workings of democracy in the early part of the 18th century in order to understand America's success. He then wrote:

"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her rich mines and her vast world commerce, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her public school system and her institutions of learning, and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her democratic congress and her matchless constitution, and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."



Let us pray for America!

Birth Announcement

Rev. and Mrs. Jon (Nicole) Oliver announce the birth of a son, Cade Ethan Oliver. Cade was born April 23, 2002. He weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Rev. Mrs. Edna Parker	July 1
Rev. Sherrill Pope	July 4
Rev. M.R. Britton	July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall	July 19
Rev. Mrs. Betty Dowdy	July 21
Rev. Ezra Fann	July 21
Rev. Jesse Parson	July 27

Campbell University Gives Honorary Doctorate

Dr. John Hedgepeth

Rev. John Hedgepeth was conferred an honorary Doctor of Divinity by Campbell University, Buies Creek, N. C., on May 13, 2002. He was chosen from a number of candidates for his determination and spiritual leadership.

Dr. Norman A. Wiggins, president of Campbell University, came to Northwood Temple during a morning service to read the commendation from the university to the congregation. Dr. Wiggins remarked that true greatness is not determined by what a man receives, but what he gives.

Rev. Hedgepeth is the pastor of Northwood Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He holds degrees from Emmanuel College and East Carolina University. He pastored in Whiteville and in the Princeton-Goldsboro area before coming to Northwood Temple in 1968. Pastor Hedgepeth has served on several boards and committees within the North Carolina Conference. He served on a team on the World Missions Board of the denomination. For the last five years he has served on the highest executive board of the denomination, the General Executive Board.

His ministry at Northwood Temple has been phenomenal. He has seen the church grow from 100 to more than 4,000 members. Its ministries are extensive, reaching broadly across barriers of age, gender, education level, etc. Its ministries have also reached worldwide, particularly through medical and educational teams to Third World countries.

Rev. Hedgepeth is also a popular educator and motivational speaker. He and his wife, Faye, have three children and six grandchildren.

2002
North Carolina Women's Ministries
CONVENTION

The 2002 NCWM Convention was held June 8 in the Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle. The convention began with an excited and beautiful group of ladies, as usual.

The Holly Hill ladies furnished the lovely floral arrangement in memory of Linda's mother, Mrs. Maggie Morris and Mrs. Sally Morris, Linda's mentor.

The beautiful banner depicting the theme, TOUCHING HEAVEN... CHANGING EARTH was painted by Beth Hill.

Rose Boyd led the audience in worship muslc.

rs. Jewelle Stewart: speaker and presiding officer

Mrs. Jewelle Stewart, General W.M. executive director, gave the devotion from Matthew 9. Many people were made well just by having faith in God's power. Christian women committed to God have the power to be a vessel poured out in a lost world. Lives are changed one person at a time. Her challenge was for everyone to touch at least three lives this year for Jesus.

Awards were given to churches that had met their goals. Tokens of appreciation were given by the W.M. Board members to ladies who were on special committees, and Linda praised them and gave them hugs for a job well done.

Special tribute was given to Linda for her outstanding years of service as our NCWM director. She was elected to that position in 1994 and was reelected by acclamation in 1998. Linda felt this was the end of the season for her, but she also knew God would have a new season. She praised the W.M. board for being a team working hand in hand, arm in arm as they labored together. She gave special thanks to her husband Joe for his support and for driving around "Miss Daisy." She gave praise to her family for their support and patience. "Leadership is never easy, but the Lord multiplied my hours. In every season and every morning there was always new strength."

Scott Bircher, Linda's son-in-law, sang her favorite song, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

A Special Tribute to Linda was given by:

Rev. Chris Thompson: Colossians 3:24 "Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." Linda has an inheritance awaiting her.

Rev. T.E. Long – You remind me of Solomon's virtuous woman in Fcclesiastes. You have worked faithfully for the Lord and this church. Today I salute a lady of ladies, a Christian of Christians, and a leader of leaders. I praise God for Linda Thomas.

Linda Thomas and family

New Board Members: Patty Deese, director; Janice Marshburn, asst. director; Marjorie Teachey, sec/treas.; Terry Boyette and Lois Trueblood, board members.

things done through others. Leadership means getting things done with others."

Patsy Deese – To Linda's husband Joe, I want to praise you for your faithfulness and friendship that we have shared over the years. (She gave him a ceramic pig to add to his collection). Linda was instructed to sit with her family and enjoy a video prepared by Patsy, showing highlights of the years from her childhood through the last eight years of her WM. work. Linda was presented a gift from the Conference board by Superintendent Chris Thompson, a lovely secretary-organizer, a beautiful butterfly cake plate from the WM board, and a basket full of cards and pictures from the local WM ladies.

Meshelder Richardson – You are a lady of a portrait of commitment! You've influenced the lives of others. The youth of your church call you "LT."

Phyllis Harrell – Your leadership has been superior. You have not been afraid to think out of the box. We don't need a monument. You have been engraved in our hearts forever.

Janice Marshburn – Linda has my mother's hands and my mother's arms. The most tender moments for me were when I was afraid, you would embrace me and encourage me. You are the best! "Management entails getting

Prayer for the newly elected board by Superintendent Thompson, Mrs. Stewart, Linda Thomas, and past presidents and board members.

Old W.M. board

The NCWM newly elected board members are:
Director – Patsy Deese
Asst. Director – Janice Marshburn
Secretary/Treasurer – Marjorie Teachey
Board Members – Terry Boyette, Lois Trueblood

After the election, Superintendent Thompson installed the newly elected board members, encouraging them to be faithful and to seek God's guidance. He invited the past board members to join him in prayer for a special anointing on their ministry.

Submitted by Dorothy Boyette, NCWM Historian, and Donna Perry

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"Partners in Ministry"

Are you Producing or Reproducing?

When we enter into ministry of any type, it seems that our first instinct is to seek out and select an effective method – a program or tool – to reach people with a particular message. However, I believe we need to look at a more fundamental issue first: Can any program produce godliness, or can godliness only be reproduced?

In manufacturing, if you find the right process and add the right raw materials, the right product should come out. In a similar way, in churches we hope that if we share the right message in a classroom or sanctuary, or use the right Discipling method, people's lives will be transformed. But was that Christ's model as He walked this earth? No.

His model was one of reproduction rather than production. Christ lived out everything He said and taught – in every way He was truly the Living Word. While His apostles walked with Him over a three-year period, they were impregnated with His words and actions, and witnessed firsthand His love for, and obedience to, His Father.

As leaders, we must be willing to allow God to reproduce His life in us as we commit to walk with Him daily. Only when the Living Word has produced godly fruit in us can we come together in relationship with one another, as Jesus did with the apostles. Then we are able to model and reproduce the passionate pursuit of God.

When we go about selecting programs for ministry, we must also understand that their success leans heavily upon the men who will lead them. These men must be focused on consistently living out and affirming the foundational nature of biblical male leadership as well as serving their church. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God will use such men to transform the lives of others. ***(Dan Schaffer – Building Brothers)***

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Did You Know?

- Of the children who began elementary school in September 1999 and currently attend church, an estimated 70% will leave church before they graduate from high school. ***(Chosen Generation April 2002)***
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes. ***(Getting Men Involved – Spring 1997)***

A Lost Generation! (Tom Rainer, *The Bridger Generation*)

Generation	Percentage Reached For Christ
• Builders (1910-1946)	65 %
• Boomers (1946-1964)	35%
• Busters (1965-1976)	15%
• Bridgers (1977-1994)	4%

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Mark your Calendar!

- *July 19, 20 – **Promise Keepers** – Raleigh, NC. For more information call 800-888-7595 or log on to www.promisekeepers. org.*
- *October 11, 12, 2002 – **North Carolina Men's Advance*** – N.C. Conference Campground, Falcon, N.C.

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ASK OF ME

To a prayerful church, God is present in glorious power.

"We Are Family" at the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

This is the theme for our 2002 Camp Meeting this year. Ministering to the entire family has always been the desire of our conference, and that we will do. So in order to continue to minister, be strengthened and directed by God, we must PRAY. As the body of Christ we are all working together in God's vineyard even though we each have a specific place in which we labor; yet we must come and join forces together in a time of prayer and decision.

Our Superintendent D. Chris Thompson has scheduled a time and place that will be available for prayer during 2002 Camp Meeting.

SCHEDULE:

July 15-21 –	Monday – Sunday 8:30 a.m. Octagon Tabernacle
July 15-19 –	Monday – Friday 7:30 p.m. Prayer Room – Culbreth Auditorium
July 20 –	Saturday 7:00 p.m.
July 21 –	Sunday 5:30 p.m.

We would like pastors, church members, and WIN captains to participate in these times of prayer. We encourage each church to sign up and head one of these times of prayer. As each local church participates, it will bring forth the move and unity of God's Spirit in the midst of us. Please call **910-822-1566**, Rev. Lydia Figueroa, to **sign up** as soon as possible.

Morning prayer sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., and evening sessions will be held during the entire service.

Our commitment to pray will bring forth much benefit upon the earth in the atmosphere and in the heavenlies. Prayer puts God in full force in the world.

In his book on prayer, E.M. Bounds speaks of prayer in the following ways:

- The most important lesson we can learn is how to pray.
- We must pray so our prayers take hold of God.
- Prayer is no fitful, short-lived thing. It is a voice that goes into God's ears, and it lives as long as God's ears are open to holy pleas, as long as God's heart is alive to holy things.
- The mightiest successes that come to God's cause are created and carried on by prayer in God's day of power. When God's church comes into its mightiest inheritance of the mightiest faith and mightiest prayer, the angelic days of powerful activity occur. God's conquering days are when the saints have given themselves to mightiest prayer.
- God shapes the world by prayer.
- Prayer is God's settled and singular condition to move ahead His Son's kingdom.
- Prayer has an incredible power to arrest and change the purposes of God.
- Prayer, indeed, opens a limitless storehouse, and God's hand withholds nothing.
- The life of the church is the highest life, and its office is to pray.
- The believer who is the most highly skilled in prayer will do the most for God.

In Psalms 2:7-9 we read, "I will declare the decree.... **Ask of me**, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

THINGS TO PRAY ABOUT:

- **Family –** Ecc. 4:9-12; Ex. 20:12; Gen. 1:27,28; Gen. 31; Matt. 19:6; Eph. 6:1-4; 1 Sam. 12:23; James 5:8,16; Prov. 1:10; Jobs 17:9
- **Leaders/Pastors –** 1 Tim. 2:1,2; 1 Tim. 5:17; Eph. 3:16-19; Prov. 28:2 *Amp.*; Prov. 16:10 *Amp.*
- **The Sick –** Isa. 40:29; Isa. 53:5; Mark 11:22,24; 2 Tim. 1:7; Ps. 91:14,16; Ps. 103:3; Luke 6:19; 1 Peter 2:24

Also pray for our speakers, their families, and all activities during camp meeting. Asking God to help us to ***Prepare the Individual to Soar...***

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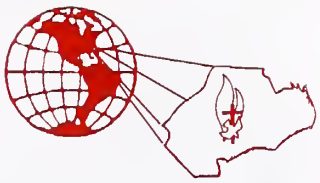

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"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT YOUR TOWN?

Ever think about what percentage of your town attends church?

Ever wonder how many folks in your town are on their way to heaven?

- How many on their way to hell?
- How many involved in cults or dead religion?
- How many dysfunctional families live within a few miles of your home?
- How many abusive dads?
- How many alcoholic moms?
- How many suicidal teenagers?
- How many children go to sleep at night lonely and afraid because they've never had an opportunity to know Christ?
- How many people have no idea what it means to experience the love of Jesus, the peace of the indwelling Holy Spirit, or the certainty of eternal life?

Maybe you've been in traffic one morning, sitting in an endless river of vehicles, wondering, *How many of these folks have a relationship with God? How many really know Christ? How many will I see in heaven? How many would be eternally condemned, if they died in a car accident on the way to work? How many have never even heard a clear presentation of the Gospel? How many would respond – if someone took the time?*

You know where I'm going. Another guilt-inducing message on evangelism, right? Not exactly. But I know the feeling. I feel guilty every time I hear another message on evangelism. I think of witnessing opportunities I chickened out on, times I didn't have a tract handy when I needed one, deceased relatives who might have responded to Christ if I'd prayed more fervently or found some way to reach their hearts with the Gospel. But you can't change the past. You can only look to the future, and redeem every moment available before the clock runs out.

Yet, even if you or I spent every waking moment of the rest of our lives sharing Christ with new people, we could only reach so many. No one person or even one church can reach an entire town for Christ – alone. But what about a dozen churches? What about a hundred churches? Could they reach an entire town with the Gospel? They probably could!

In recent years a phenomenon has developed known as "city-reaching." In a number of countries, nationwide movements are currently underway to reach entire populations with the Gospel. Denominational leaders, parachurch ministries, and everyday Christians are working together, in cooperation, to reach their towns for Christ – in countries without nearly the resources that we have. They may not be as advanced, but they may be more in tune with the Father's heart!

In America, this is rarer – and more difficult. We're independent. Our churches are self-contained and self-sufficient. We don't really need other churches and normally don't particularly care to work together with other denominations or ministries. But in the early church, such an attitude would have been the exception, rather than the rule. Christ-followers stuck together and were known as the "church of the city," so to speak.

Today, it's entirely different – in America, at least – as you are well aware. Even though many denominational walls have come down, American churches are nowhere near the interdependence experienced in New Testament times. And maybe that's asking too much. Maybe it'll never happen.

But what if a band of believers from a variety of churches around the town – who agreed on the essentials of the faith – decided to meet together to seek God for the town, to strategize, to become equipped in evangelism and outreach, to network among themselves for greater effectiveness in ministry – could that have an impact?

What if all or most of the churches in every town supported these "town-reaching" groups or associations? What if they agreed to work together, to pray together, to do whatever it took to make certain that every person or every home in their local area was somehow reached with a message of the Gospel – and prayed for – at least once a year?

Is that possible?

Wouldn't you love to see it happen?

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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"Study to show thyself approved unto God . . ." (2 Timothy 2:15)

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Holiness or Hypocrisy?

Choices and Consequences!

Once upon a time, matters such as birth, death, attendance at family reunions, marriage ending only with the death of a spouse, and the place to live were givens. Today, each has become a matter of individual choice. The world around has changed dramatically in the last few years. It is a different world. However, God has not changed! His plans for man have not changed. Men, and even some Christians, have lost their way.

Charles Shulz in the year 2000 wrote of an applicable experience of Lucy and Charlie Brown. Lucy and Charlie Brown were on a cruise. As they walked on the deck, Lucy noted several things. Some travelers placed their chairs on the bow. They were interested in where they were going. Others placed their chairs on the stern and reveled in where they had been. Lucy inquired of Charlie Brown as to where he was going to place his chair. Charlie said, "Chair! What chair! I can't find my chair." Many fit this pattern today. They feel incapable of enjoying life.

Success in life depends upon making the right choices. Yes, there are circumstances beyond our control. Yet even in these times, choices can be made that result in success and victory. Consequences always follow choices. These can be good or bad.

In Genesis 13, Abraham offered Lot the choice of which direction to move with his herds. Lot chose the well-watered plains of Jordan. Sodom and Gomorrah were on these plains. Lot ended up there. He ultimately lost his wife and ended up in gross sin with his daughters. "The whole land was before him!" He made the wrong choice. He suffered the consequences.

Joshua is an inspirational model. He was a faithful spy who trusted in the Lord and believed in the power of the Lord to deliver. Later in life he continued to make the right choices. Joshua 24:15 – "Choose you whom you will serve. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" The consequence was a life that ended well.

The world is changing, but we do not have to follow the way of the world. We can walk in truth and obedience. We can personally place our chair and face the future. We can sit on the bow.

The Lord does not want His children mired in hypocrisy and confusion. His will for us is to face the future with His fresh air blowing into our faces. He allows us to choose. With the proper choice come the Lord's blessings.

Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (Hebrews 11:24, 25). He challenged others to follow his example. "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live."

We do not have to give in to playacting and wearing masks. This is hypocrisy. We can walk in holiness. We can choose to worship fervently a living God. We can choose to testify of His goodness. We can choose to Reach 3 and Plant 3. We can choose to walk in harmonious relationships with our neighbors. We can choose to keep our vows. No man can keep us from serving our God! It is our choice. Elijah asked the question, "How long halt you between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him."

It is time to move. It is time to choose. Time is short. We do not have the luxury now to run a marathon. We must be sprinters!

Opportunities are before us now in North Carolina as never before. More resources are available. Time and providence have brought us to a great crossroads. We can choose life, or we can choose death. Our choices will result in consequences here and in eternity to come. Consequences will last throughout eternity.

In today's world, choices must be made rather quickly. Split-second decisions have major implications. Our children's lives and souls are at stake. So is the eternity of our grandchildren and extended families. Our Lord will help us in making the right choices.

As the scriptures given have indicated, a life of right choices begins by choosing God. The Lord has given us enough patterns and directions to live our lives. It is really not that difficult. Charles Sheldon in his book, *In His Steps*, made famous the phrase "What Would Jesus Do?" When this question is asked, somehow the right answer is always known.

We are not bound as we move quickly into our futures. We are directed! Holiness is not hypocrisy (playacting). Holiness is walking in obedience and loving God. It is more saying yes to God and loving His ways than just saying no. A life of warmth and generosity is produced, not deadness and coldness.

May the Lord give us clear direction and His nudging to make the right choices. THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES! (1 Kings 18).

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Local Minister Earns Top State Honors

Warren County minister Rev. Marc A. Swanner was recognized last month by the North Carolina Jaycees as one of five Outstanding Young North Carolinians.

The award was presented as part of the Distinguished Service Awards program at the annual awards convention held in Burlington. The program recognizes citizenship and community service.

Swanner received his award for his legacy of service to the Warren County community.

After moving to Warren County with his wife, Denise, in February 1999, Swanner saw an immediate need to feed low-income residents of the county and utilized his previous experience to establish Loaves and Fishes Ministries food pantry.

More than 3,000 families received assistance at the food pantry in its first year of existence. Today, Loaves and Fishes has a client base of more that 6,000 families.

In establishing the ministry, Swanner led a team of more than 50 volunteers and worked with 30 different churches and businesses that provide support to the pantry.

Shortly after establishing the ministry, Swanner assisted with the transition of a program once supervised by the Department of Social Services to the food pantry. The federal program provides opportunities to supply food to all eligible families.

With the program, Swanner has been responsible for over $25,000 of food in one quarter. His management of this program has resulted in the ministry receiving more food than originally allotted, thereby serving more families in need.

In addition to his work with Loaves and Fishes, Swanner is the chaplain for the Warren County Sheriff's Department and also assists officers in the Norlina Police Department and the N. C. Highway Patrol.

Swanner is the senior pastor of New Covenant Ministries of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and has more than quadrupled the church's membership since his arrival three years ago.

His greatest joy and first priority is his family. He and Denise have two children, 19-month-old Marc Anthony and Abby, who is three months old.

Swanner was one of five recipients of the Warren County Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards in April.

We Care Ministry

Rev. and Mrs. Conrad Hall

Several years ago, our We Care Ministry felt impressed to establish some type of memorial for Mrs. Sallie White at Rockfish Elementary School. We did it through the school's library with *National Geographic*.

The school decided to memorialize Mrs. White and also include all other deceased teachers and staff. With this in mind, they built a memorial garden between the buildings at the school. They invited Mavis and me to participate in the ceremony. I was asked to have the dedicatory prayer during the ceremony. A memorial plaque will be placed individually for Mrs. White in the library, and a stone with her name and others have been placed in the Memorial Garden. Mrs. White taught at Rockfish Elementary for fifteen years. It is a fitting memorial to a wonderful lady who blessed and inspired hundreds of students.

We give the Lord thanks for giving us a part in establishing this memorial.

Conrad and Mavis Hall

Independence Church News

Independence P H. Church has just closed revival services with Rev. Vernon Potter, Jr., evangelist-teacher-singer. God's presence was so real and so sweet throughout the Sunday after revival.

The revival was scheduled from June 2 through June 5, but we added an extra day closing, out on Thursday, June 6. Only God has a record of all that took place that week. There was salvation, sanctification, renewing of the Holy Ghost, healings, and anything anybody needed could have been received in those services.

Prior to revival there was much prayer and fasting and preparation made for a mighty move of God. He certain did not fail us.

We have a lady in our church who is on a waiting list for a heart transplant, but her veins had collapsed. It looked as if it was going to be impossible for her to follow through. One night, she was prayed for, and right before our eyes, her veins popped up and she was blessed tremendously. Another lady was diagnosed with two, possibly three cancers before the revival. With much prayer and fasting for her, she had surgery, and the doctor said there was no cancer, just three nonmalignant tumors. This news spread like wildfire, and believe me, we were ready with great expectation for revival.

Brother Potter is a wonderful, sensitive-to-the-Spirit man of God. We highly recommend him to anyone who is ready and desires a mighty revival.

-Reporter

Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Historical Drift: Must My Church Die?

by
Arnold L Cook
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania:
Christian Publications, 2000, 346 pages.

Organizations don't drift, only the people who lead them. Church renewal and revitalization dominate leadership thinking today in terms of concern for the present ministries and future of the Church. The fact is, churches do not have to decline or die. They can be revitalized and renewed. That's good news.

The author, with an extensive background in missiology and church growth, offers helpful information in detecting, diagnosing, and reversing the "cursed curve" of deterioration and degeneration of churches and denominations. Historical drift can plague every organization, especially those with second and third generations or more. Therefore, it is imperative that leaders evaluate their church or organization, and design and implement changes to reverse the trend. This book aids the process by identifying the symptoms of drift and presenting the necessary treatment to gain a clearer vision and purpose, vitality and momentum.

As in dealing effectively with cancer, early detection is the preferred method of bringing about intervention and organizational renewal. Usually the commitment level of the members is a good indicator of church health. Nominal commitment tends to begin with the second generation and comes to full term by the fourth generation. The commitment level, however, serves as only a symptom of a problem. Loss of commitment by the members is only the tip of the iceberg.

Compromise feeds drift. Worldly values corrupt Christian principles. Is there any doubt about why many churches and Christians are drifting? There is little difference between the "worldly person" and most Christians. Nowadays, Christians are leading the way in broken marriages.

What is the antidote to compromise? Love God with all your mind, heart, and spirit. Present your body as a living sacrifice. A love relationship with Jesus Christ is nonnegotiable. What are the positive steps for the nominal Christian to take in order to fall in love with God? First, we must confess our sin, then repent and believe God, followed by asking for the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus Christ. After complying with these restorative requisites, maintain spiritual life and vitality by the crucifixion of self and living selflessly through the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit.

Before there can be genuine renewal based on biblical realism, the Church must have wise, godly, and courageous leadership. Remember, organizations do not drift, only the people who lead them. Prevent leaders from drifting, and the organization will not drift. According to the author, this is where Satan comes in, seeking to defile, defame, distract, or destroy pastors and church leaders. From the beginning, girls, gold, and glory have been notorious minister defilers. This is why pastors and conference leaders need protection and prayer. Moral integrity should be guarded at all costs because as the leaders go, so goes the Church.

Cook correctly contends that decisions determine destiny. Make wise decisions, stick to the biblical core values, and the church or organization can go forward mightily. Leaders should be willing to choose truth over unity for the sake of reversing or at least curbing the "cursed curve." Complete reliance and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, the greatest impeder of drift, is essential as well.

Perhaps as important and influential as *The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer, my recommendation of *Historical Drift* to you the reader is short and simple. Buy the book, read it, study and ponder, act on its principles, and then buy another copy for a friend.

Principle Preaching: How to Create and Deliver Purpose Driven Sermons

by
John R. Bisagno
Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2002, 200 pages.

An introduction, three points, and a conclusion usually describe the typical sermon most preachers deliver to their congregations. Is it the most effective way to preach? According to Bisagno and others, principle preaching is far more effective because outlines are soon forgotten, but principles never are. It is common knowledge that biblical principles lead to many life applications which enable the listeners to see how the ancient text relates to their contemporary lives. Principle preaching serves as a dynamic bridge between the authoritative Word of God and life application today.

Bisagno provides 46 life-changing, principle-directed sermons (23 Old Testament characters and 23 New Testament characters) that illustrate and explain his principle preaching technique. He uses an outline, but the outline is formulated with principles, not points. Principles are timeless, transcultural, and often timely truths that can enlighten and transform the listener. For example, consider the following select principles: (1) Only full obedience equates to full blessing. (2) Your past is not nearly as important as God's purpose. (3) The power of character outweighs the force of circumstances. (4) The true worship of God is never in form but in substance. (5) Proximity to the things of God does not a disciple make.

Rick Warren offers a plan in principle preaching. The preacher should state the principle, explain the principle, apply the principle, and then illustrate the principle. Using the imagination, finding interesting illustrations from everyday life, and depending upon the work and power of the Holy Spirit will complete the process.

Principle preaching is not the only way to preach the Word of God. But it is one effective way to honor God's Word and to be an effective communicator for Him. Happy Reading!

Order these and other resources from LifeSprings Resources, P.O. Box 9, Franklin Springs, GA 30609-0009, 1-800-541-1376.

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Patsy C. Deese
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(252) 726-6407

"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraph

On my desk at work, I have written on the pad, *"Life Is Good and God Is Faithful."* As I have pondered what I would write as my first article for the *Evangel*, my mind has gone to the promises of God.

I must admit I have been overwhelmed the last few weeks. Making the transition from NCWM secretary-treasurer to NCWM director has been breathtaking. I would like to thank you for the confidence you have placed in the new Women's Ministries board you have elected to serve for the next four years. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would be serving the North Carolina Conference as your Women's Ministries director.

My grandmother was responsible for the Pentecostal heritage that I have. She was committed to her church and to the service of the Lord. As a young girl, I remember the times she would bring not only her children but also her grandchildren to Sunday school and church. She would line us up on the pew and keep the switch nearby. She loved to share her home with friends and family. It seemed like every Sunday, the "preacher" came to Sunday dinner, and not only did we have to behave, but we were also last to eat.

Mammy set the wheels turning for me. I loved to watch her worship the Lord. I don't remember her ever getting upset with anyone or saying anything she would regret, but yet in her mild-natured way, she didn't hold back what needed to be said. She gave me values that I will never forget, but she also taught me about commitment. This new journey with you will have its ups and downs, but I trust the Lord to be faithful. I am committed to serving you to the best of my ability. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or any of the other board members. We are here to serve you. Our goal is to build a strong leadership team to reach those in need.

With all my heart, I believe that "Together We Can".

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT WOMEN'S MINISTRIES RALLY 2002

The Rocky Mount District Rally was held May 18, 2002, at Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Church in Halifax, NC, with eleven churches represented.

The rally began with a welcome from Rocky Mount District Director Carol Davis, and Pastor T P. Davis and local WM Director Kay Hamm. Mrs. Patsy Deese, NC Conference WM secretary-treasurer, greeted the ladies on behalf of the NCWM conference board.

The theme of the rally was "Prayer, our most powerful weapon." Mrs. Deanna Barney, local WM director from the Clinton Pentecostal Holiness Church in Clinton, NC, gave the devotion. Mrs. Barney brought a powerful message on how important it is for us to pray continuously. Before Deanna spoke, a skit was presented by a few of the local WM directors on how not to have a prayer meeting. It was comical but also showed us we should be careful to pray the right way if we want God to answer our prayers.

After the devotion, we had a special time of prayer. The ladies were asked to make a circle of six and first of all praise God for who He is, then pray for the ladies in the circle and for our own needs, then to thank and praise God for answering our prayers. Mrs. Patsy Deese led us in prayer, and God did the rest. God moved in a mighty way, and we know He answered our prayers.

After our prayer time, we adjourned to the fellowship hall, decorated beautifully by the Trinity Women's Ministries, to enjoy delicious refreshments provided by each WM present. The ladies also enjoyed receiving door prizes provided by each local WM group.

Thanks to the ladies of the Rocky Mount District, our rally was a success!

Carol Davis
Rocky Mount WM District Director

(Carol Davis and her husband, T.P. Davis, pastor the Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Church in Halifax. Carol has served as Rocky Mount District director for the past four years.)

**Rocky Mount District W.M. Rally.
Ladies enjoying refreshments.**

Women's Ministries from the Maranatha Pentecostal Holiness Church

The Maranatha W.M. in Beaufort traveled to Southport, NC, in April to visit Mrs. Alice Noe. Mrs. Noe is the oldest member of the Maranatha Church. On May 9, she celebrated her ninetieth birthday. Due to health reasons, Mrs. Noe is living at Doshier Nursing Home in Southport. Pictured back row: Vivian Minx, Veta Penny, Eva Lewis, and Frances Worley. Front row: Patsy Deese, Gloria Brown, Mrs. Alice Noe, and Trina Futo.

POTPOURRI . . .

Pass the Salt - If you added too much salt to the soup, don't panic. Just cut up a raw potato, allow it to cook in the soup for a while, and it will absorb the excess salt. Remove potato before serving.

Luscious Lemons - If you are reducing your sodium or fat intake, try squeezing a wedge of fresh lemon on salads, steamed vegetables, soups and stews. You'll never miss the salt or butter!

Stamp Out Kitchen Pests - Banish bugs from your kitchen by sprinkling your cabinets with pepper - the bugs hate it!

Drip-Free Ice Cream Cone - To keep an ice cream cone from becoming a drippy mess, put a marshmallow in the bottom of the cone, and then fill with your favorite ice cream.

Spotless windows - Coffee filters are just as good as or better than paper towels for cleaning your windows. The filters are made with lint-free paper, so windows will sparkle.

SAUSAGE AND EGG CASSEROLE:

1½ lbs. bulk pork sausage, crumbled
4 slices bread
9 eggs, slightly beaten
1½ C. (6 oz.) cheddar cheese, grated
3 C. milk
1 tsp. salt

Cook sausage until browned. Remove and drain. Cut bread into 1½" cubes. Place on bottom of greased 13x9x2" baking dish. Combine eggs, milk, salt, cheese and cooked sausage. Cover. Refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 for 1 hour. Makes 10-12 servings.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE WM WORKSHOPS

FEAST OF INGATHERING offerings will be received at the upcoming District Conference WM workshops. Each local WM director will have the opportunity to present the offering from her local WM and share ideas on the methods used to raise the funds. Every local WM is encouraged to have a representative attend in order to participate in the training and communication session which will be led by NCWM Conference Director Patsy Deese or one of the NCWM Board members. Due to the scheduling of these District Conferences, it is important that your offering be sent directly to Marjorie Teachey by September 30 or turned it at the District Conference.

Listed below are dates & places of District Conferences. Each begins at 7:00 p.m.

September 3, 2002	Wilmington District	Wallace
September 5, 2002	Williamston District	Grace Family Fellowship
September 9, 2002	Rocky Mount District	Tarboro First
September 10, 2002	New Bern District	Reelsboro
September 12, 2002	Raleigh District	The Capital
September 16, 2002	Fayetteville District	Sanford First
September 17, 2002	Morehead City District	Glad Tidings
September 23, 2002	Goldsboro District	St. John
September 24, 2002	Clinton District	Gospel Tabernacle
September 26, 2002	Greenville District	Kinston First
September 30, 2002	Wilson District	Westmoreland
October 1, 2002	Lumberton District	Chadbourn

Remember – you can double your Feast of Ingathering offering by means of the Matching Fund program. Local WM directors have information on this opportunity.

AGNES ROBINSON CHRISTMAS MISSIONS FUNDS

This annual WM-sponsored offering provides a much-needed Christmas bonus for IPHC missionaries, as well as funding for other special missions projects.

Funds are disbursed to active and retired missionaries each year just in time for Christmas shopping and travel.

Be sure to send it by August 31 to:
North Carolina Women's Ministries
Marjorie Teachey
1248 Tyner Road
Williamston, NC 27892

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2002 Falcon Camp Meeting
tapes now available.
Complete Set $64.00 Single Tapes $4.00
Contact: David Butts
2144 Page Road
Greenville, NC 27858

Phone: 252-439-0803
Pastors' School Tapes available also.

SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Rev. Kenneth Tart	August 4
Rev. W. H. Tyson	August 4
Rev. L.L. Lassiter	August 6
Rev. Edsel Hooks	August 9
Rev. W. G. Batten	August 10
Rev. Joe Russell	August 13
Rev. J. H. Norton	August 18
Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell	August 19
Rev. T. H. Godwin	August 20
Rev. H.P. Woodard	August 22
Rev. Mrs. Lynette Mosley	August 23
Rev. W.V. Denning	August 26

2001 District Churches of the Year

These churches are the District Churches of the Year for 2001. They scored the highest on the evaluation system for achievement for 2001. We congratulate them for their outstanding achievement.

WELL DONE!

DISTRICT	CHURCH	PASTOR	SCORE
Wilson District	Black Creek	Sherwood Page	141
Williamston District	Pinetown	Shelby Squires	179
Morehead City Dis.	Smyrna	Vance Harrell	115
Greenville District	Carson Memorial	Sherwood O'Neal	134
Fayetteville District	Shiloh	Mark Fields	226
Raleigh District	The Capital	Tim Marriner	96
Lumberton District	Elizabethtown	Jerry Green	134
Wilmington District	Wallace	Bobby Forehand	109
Clinton District	Trinity	Johnnie West	133
Goldsboro District	The First	Jimmy Whitfield	123
New Bern District	New Vision	Ray Bonner	99
Rocky Mount District	Victory Praise & Worship	Hubert Shropshire	115

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, FALL 2002

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September 3	Wilmington	Wallace	Bobby Forehand
September 5	Williamston	Grace Family Fellowship	Dallas Gurganus
September 9	Rocky Mount	Tarboro First	Jessie Blalock
September 10	New Bern	Reelsboro	Steve Willis
September 12	Raleigh	The Capital	Tim Marriner
September 16	Fayetteville	Sanford First	John Hinson
September 17	Morehead City	Glad Tidings	Maurice Phelps
September 23	Goldsboro	Saint John	Richard Parson
September 24	Clinton	Gospel Tabernacle	Ron Wooten
September 26	Greenville	Kinston First	Bobby Williams
September 30	Wilson	Westmoreland	Jerry Nelson
October 1	Lumberton	Chadbourn	Jim Skinner

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"Partners in Ministry"

Many pastors and men's ministries' leaders are saying, "I want to build our men's ministries, but I don't know where to start. What would I do step by step to get going?" Good question. There is no one right way to build a men's ministries in your church. However, here's how I would go about it.

A LEADER

Let's assume "you're the man" with a growing passion to reach men in your church, especially those on the "fringe" – men barely inside or just outside the front door. You long for the day men will grow strong in faith and take up spiritual leadership in their families, church, and community. If that's you, guess what? You've completed the ***first step*** *– finding a man passionate about reaching other men. You may be a layman, the senior pastor, or an associate pastor. This isn't rocket science. You do need to be respected by other men in the church. But you don't have to be experienced or a great orator to lead a men's ministries. A consuming desire to see men's lives change is enough. If your passion focuses on the "ends" of changed lives, then God will help you to put together the "means" to do it.*

THE SENIOR PASTOR'S SUPPORT

What's ***step two****? If you are the senior pastor, you can skip step two. If you're not, step two is getting your senior pastor's enthusiastic support. A church will always go in the direction of the pastor's heart. No middle position here. If he is not actively for it," then time, attention, thinking, planning, money, and people resources will flow to other ministries in the church.*

A LEADERSHIP TEAM

Campus Crusade for Christ founder Bill Bright has often said, "Everything boils down to leadership." The height of your men's ministries will be determined by the depth of your leadership. ***Step three****? You will need a committed leadership team. (However, your leaders don't have to start out committed – that can come later.) I would prayerfully write out a list of three to seven most spiritually respected men in my church. I wouldn't pay attention to how busy they might already be, or whether I think they would be interested. Focus on men who have a heart for God and for teaching others. Let them make up their own minds under God's leadership. Then I would pray for God to give me favor with those He would have involved. Next, I would approach each of them and say, "God has put it on my mind to explore the need and desirability of starting (or reorganizing) a men's ministries in our church. I believe you are one of a handful of men that the other men of our church would follow. I want to have a meeting to discuss the possibilities. Would you be willing to pray about coming to this one meeting and give your counsel?" (By the way, be sure to get your senior pastor's approval. Better still, ask him to come and share his vision for the men of the church.) Notice I didn't ask for long term or even short term commitment; I asked for only one meeting. Also, notice I gave honor to whom honor is due. This is not flattery but honestly why you thought of them – they're spiritually mature. You're trying to "sell" the best and busiest men in your church on what should be one of the church's top priorities. Think of it as getting the appointment to ask for the sale. Guess what? They're not all going to say yes. But two, four, or six will! And that's enough. So take it one step at a time. Now, what's next?*

THE FIRST MEETING

Now we go to ***step four*** *– the meeting. Keep the first meeting to a maximum of one hour. If everyone knows it's a one-hour meeting, you can be very productive. Besides, a long, tiring meeting may create second thoughts about going further.* ***1.*** *Set the agenda to begin with prayer – 5 minutes.* ***2.*** *Next, review the history of ministry to men in your church – 5 minutes. (Be honest about past efforts, but not negative. And please don't criticize your pastor!)* ***3.*** *Talk a little about the present environment for reaching men – 5 minutes (How are men doing? What are their problems? How should the church respond?)* ***4.*** *Review the biblical case for reaching men – 15 minutes.* ***5.*** *Finally, introduce the Men's Ministry Action Plan – 20 minutes. Say, "It seems clear God is calling us to reach the men of our church and help them grow. I would like to suggest that, together, we go through a three-week process of designing a men's ministries for our church, using the Men's Ministry Action Plan. I like this plan because it is short and sweet, yet covers all the essentials. In three weeks we will be challenged to think through, What is our vision for our men's ministries? What would we like to accomplish? What kind of men are we trying to produce? And how will we create, capture, and sustain momentum among our men? Who would like to give it a try?" (David Delk,* ***Man in the Mirror****)*

THE THREE-WEEK STUDY

Well in advance of your meeting, call LifeSprings Resources, (800) 541-1376 and order the Men's Ministries Resource Information Manual, which includes the Men's Ministry Action Plan (total cost $34.95 plus shipping). From this point forward the Men's Ministry Action Plan will show you what to do!

Dates to Remember!

October 11-12, 2002 *– North Carolina Men's Advance, Falcon, NC – N.C. Conference Campground. For more information call Ronnie Basden, (252) 523-8380.*

October 13-15, 2002 *– Royal Rangers' Pow Wow – Cabin Lake Park. For more information call the North Carolina Conference, (910) 980-1162.*

World Intercession Network

N. C. Conference of the IPHC
Rev. Lydia Figueroa, WIN Director
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Voice: 910-822-1566 E-mail: Abide1@netzero.net

THE FLAME OF PRAYER

As servants of the Most High God, we labor not under heavy yokes and bondages but with freedom, power, and might in Christ Jesus. One of the greatest services we render to our King is to flame the fire of prayer on behalf of others. For the one who can wield the power of prayer is THE STRONG ONE, THE HOLY ONE, GOD'S HERO, THE SAINT, THE SERVANT, THE AGENT.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7).

BE A PART OF FLAMING THE FIRE OF PRAYER!

"Prayer is God's settled and singular condition to move ahead His Son's Kingdom."

"Prayer is a disinfectant and a preventive. It purifies the air; it destroys the contagion of evil."

"The very life and prosperity of God's cause – even its very existence – depends on prayer. And the advance and triumph of His cause depends on one thing: that we ask Him."

(E.M. Bounds)

We must not become slack in our praying. Through our praying, faith, dedication, and submission, the body of Christ is blessed, enlarged, protected, empowered, and directed by God.

"We need to remember what rich and wonderful power the people of God had who had learned the secret of victorious approach to God! With Moses it saved a nation; with Ezra it saved a church." (Ezra 1:1 – 4:7-9.)

With us it can save.....?

Through prayer we have been given the authority to change the world for God.

FLAME THE FIRE OF GOD IN YOU BY FLAMING THE FIRE OF PRAYER, AND TAKE HOLD OF GOD!

"The true Christian does not pray to stir himself up, but his prayer is the stirring up of himself to take hold of God."

(E.M. Bounds)

"Let me burn out for God. After all, whatever God may appoint, prayer is the great thing. Oh, that I may be a man of prayer!"

(Henry Martyn)

IGNITE THE FLAME BY PRAYING FOR:

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Clerical Assistants
Leaders in Local Church
Custodial Staff
New Ministers/Spouses
Evangelists
Unity/Love
Ministry Heads/Spouses
Youth Pastors
Associate Pastors/Spouse
WIN Captains
Lost Hurting/Sick
Retired Ministers
Missionaries
Families
Widows/Orphans

NOV. 2, 2002 WIN PRAYER CONFERENCE

"Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesu Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye striv together with me in your prayers to God for me."

– Romans 15:

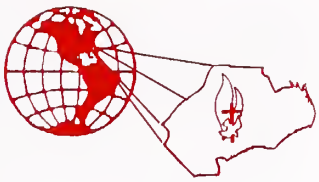
"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, tha utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."

– Ephesians 6:18,

Please set aside this date:

WIN Prayer Conference
Saturday, November 2, 2002
Falcon, NC
Featured Speaker: Barbara James
All ministers, pastors, and spouses, WI captains, church members, leaders, evangelists, missionaries are invited to participate.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions



J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

CONCERN AND COMPASSION

In recent months an episode from the earthly min-
stry of Jesus has caught and held my attention, so
nuch so that I feel it should be the theme of
Evangelism/World Missions Ministries for 2003. I
elieve it is appropriate for both ministries and will
notivate us for the coming year. The theme for 2002
'Let us rise up and build" – Nehemiah 2:18) has
ndeed been a blessing and a focus for the year; now it
s time to look ahead and focus on a thought that will
hallenge and motivate us and our activities and plans
or 2003.

It is recorded in Matthew, Mark and Luke; however,
ve will look at Mark 2:1-12. It is the account of Jesus
isiting Capernaum, entering into a house to preach,
nd four men brought to him a friend who was con-
ined to a bed, sick with the palsy. The focus of this
tory is four men who brought their friend to Jesus.
Four words characterize these four friends and indeed
hould characterize the church today as we approach
Missions/Evangelism in the North Carolina
Conference. A ripe harvest of souls in eastern N.C. and
ll around the world is waiting for someone to tell
hem the story of salvation. These four friends were
onvinced by the reports they had heard that if they
ould get their friend to Jesus, he would be healed and
lelivered.

These men had genuine *concern*. One of Webster's
lefinitions of concern is "something that is a matter of
reat importance to one." This lame man's condition
vas a matter of concern to these men. It is interesting
o note that the handicapped in that time were not
igh on the general public's list of important people.
They were forgotten and generally ignored. Not so, in
he minds of these men. This man was no doubt an
cquaintance of theirs, and his plight gripped their
earts.

Is it true today among us, the believers, and even
nore so among us, people of the North Carolina
Conference, that we live in a society and a world that
re lame in the bondage of sin and cannot help them-
elves? Of the 6.2 billion people in the world, it is said
hat 2 billion still have not heard the good news of salvation. According to the 2000 census, there are 3.2 million people within the boundaries of the North Carolina Conference. The North Carolina Conference as of the end of 2001 recorded 25,869 members. Though our witness is strong in eastern North Carolina, there are many areas and towns that have no IPHC witness. I pray the Holy Spirit will place concern in our hearts regarding eastern N.C. and will elevate our eyes to look on the harvest and to realize that now is the time to reap as never before. Concern – heartfelt, genuine and Spirit-fed – has to be present in our hearts. Without concern the rest of this miraculous story would not have come about.

The next word that characterizes these men is *compassion*. Concern is necessary as we view the countless millions without Christ. Concern by itself is not enough; genuine concern breeds the compassion Webster calls, "sorrow for the sufferings or trouble of another with the urge to help." In Matthew 9:36, Jesus observed the multitudes and saw them as weary and scattered (harassed) as sheep having no shepherd. He was moved with compassion. This is love in action. Concern is a stimulus of the Holy Spirit, yet unless we allow the Holy Spirit to couple compassion with concern, we will fail. The four men exhibited compassion in that they determined to get their friend to Jesus, so they developed a plan and put it into action. It is also a point of interest to note that these four men had to make a sacrifice to get the lame man to Jesus. No doubt they had jobs and other responsibilities, yet they took the time to get a friend to Jesus.

To reach the vast numbers of people in eastern N. C., we have to have a genuine, heart-felt concern, and that must lead to compassion and "love in action." Compassion will cause us to formulate a plan and make sacrifices to get people to Jesus. I can just imagine those concerned friends as they, with compassion, discussed, formulated, and set in motion a plan to approach Jesus; and as the story unfolds, we see they even had a back-up plan of action.

Next month we will finish with the last two C's that characterize these four men, along with some other thoughts.

MISSIONS f.e.s.t.

Foreign Evangelism Strategy Training
October 17 - 18 - 19, 2002

Meet some new missionaries, receive a challenge!

Thursday, Oct. 17 – Williamston – Cobbs Restaurant – 6:30 P.M.
Speaker: Matt Bennett

Friday, Oct. 18 - New Bern – The Berne Restaurant – 6:30 P.M.
Speaker: Matt Bennett

Saturday, Oct. 19 – Falcon – Cafeteria Training Center – 8:30 A.M.
Speaker: Dr. Howard Foltz – "Harvest Connection"

Don't miss these opportunities!
Open to all Pastors, Ministers, Local Missions Leadership

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2002 NC Conference National Talent & Bible Quest Winners

National Talent Quest

CATEGORY	PARTICIPANT(S) NAME	PLACED
1.1 Vocal Solo – Female	Danielle Harris	Honorable Mention
1.2 Vocal Solo – Male	Stephen Blackmon	Winner
2.1 Vocal/Instrumental (Individual)	Melissa Dunning	Honorable Mention
2.2 Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble	Consuming Fire Praise	3rd
3.1 Vocal Ensemble (Duets, Trios, Quartets)	Northwood Temple Trio	Winner
3.2 Vocal Ensemble (Min. 5/Max. 12)	The First Church Ensemble	3rd
3.3 Vocal Ensemble (Min. 13/No Max.)	Northwood Temple Ensemble	Winner
3.4 Conference Choir (Min. 13/No Max.)	N.C. Conference Choir	Winner
4.1 Instrumental Solo (Wind)	Bryce Todd	2nd
4:2 Instrumental Solo (Strings)	Jeremy Haire	3rd
4.4 Instrumental Solo Indef. Pitch Percussion	Matt Coleman	Honorable Mention
5.1 Instrumental Ensemble (Duets, Trios, Quartets)	Matt & Darren Coleman	2nd
5.2 Instrumental Ensemble (Min. 5/No Max.)	His Majesty's Best	Winner
5.3 Instrumental Ensemble (Bell Choirs)	His Majesty's Best	2nd
6.1 Keyboard – Solo	Matt Coleman	Winner
6.2 Electronic Keyboard – Solo	Lawrence Quinnett	Winner
7.1 Communication Arts (Speech)	Bill Rose, Jr.	Honorable Mention
7.2 Comm. Arts (Audible) Individual	Bill Rose, Jr.	Honorable Mention
7.3 Comm. Arts (Audible) Two or More	Whitley Drama Team	Honorable Mention
7.4 Comm. Arts (Inaudible Mime) Individual	Audrey Smith	Honorable Mention
7.5 Comm. Arts (Inaudible Mime) Two or More	Crossroads	Honorable Mention
7.6 Comm. Arts (Inaudible Pantomime with Vocals) Individual	Zach Anderson	Honorable Mention
7.7 Comm. Arts (Inaudible Pantomime w/out Vocals) Two or More	Lifeline Drama Team	Honorable Mention
7.8 Comm. Arts (Inaudible Pantomime) With Vocals – Individual	Sarah Whittenton	Honorable Mention
7.9 Comm. Arts – (Inaudible Pantomime) With Vocals – Two or More	The First Church Drama Team	Honorable Mention
7.10 Comm. Arts – Interpretative Dance Indiv.	David Pitti	Winner
7.11 Comm. Arts – Interpretative Dance 2 or More	Brook McKay & Susan Puryear	3rd
8.2 Creative Arts – Graphics	Michael Franklin	Honorable Mention
8.3 Creative Arts – Three-Dimensional Art	Anna Whitfield	3rd
8.4 Creative Arts – Photography	Melissa Dunning	2nd
8.5 Creative Arts (Fabricated Art)	Rachel Flowers	3rd
9.1 Creative Writing – Non-Fiction	Michael Bartlett	Honorable Mention
9.2 Creative Writing – Fiction	Nathan Purifoy	Honorable Mention
9.3 Creative Writing – Poetry	Heidi Johnson	Honorable Mention
10.1 Video	Jeremiah McLamb	2nd

National Bible Quest

CATEGORY	PARTICIPANT (S) NAME	PLACED
Masters	Culbreth Memorial	2nd
Bible Bowl	Culbreth Memorial	Honorable Mention

National Royal Ranger of the Year

Trailblazer	Kent Matthews	Winner
Trail Ranger of the Year	Travis Davis	Winner

In recognition of the
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Mrs. Joyce Godwin
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Saturday, July 20, 2002

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Dr. David Shibley

Dr. Jim Garlow

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Friday:

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PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH!

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Quadrennial Conference Update

The Ninety-second Annual Session of the NC Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church met in Falcon on July 19-20, 2002. Nearly six hundred delegates ultimately registered for the two-day event. It was a powerful session. From the opening communion session to the final motion to adjourn, the Lord's presence was felt in all the activities.

The following individuals were elected by the delegates:

NC Conference Board

- D. Chris Thompson – Superintendent
- Jimmy Whitfield – Assistant Superintendent
- Roland Harrell – Sec. Treas.
- Bobby Williams – Board Member
- Danny Nelson – Board Member
- Elton Bryan – Board Member
- Gary Strickland – Board Member
- Paul Brafford – Board Member

Special Note: Brother Brafford is an addition to the board, as the board was enlarged from seven to eight members.

- Danny Nelson was elected Evangelism/World Missions Director.
- Charles Boyd was elected Church Education Ministries Director.

NC Conference CEM Board

- Dwight Dunning – Assistant Director
- Oris Hubbard – Secretary / Treasurer
- Wiley Hughes – Board Member
- Terry Whittenton – Board Member
- Paul Evans – Board Member
- Greg Long – Board Member

Examining Board – Two New Members

- Roger Leggett
- Jeff Bartlett

Nine people were licensed by the conference:

- Gene Barnes
- David Berry
- Phil Bowden
- Bonnie Clowers
- Johnnie Elder
- Nate Marriner
- Jerry Nelson
- Angel Padilla
- Allen Peacock
- Danny Rollins
- Benjamin Spearman
- David Whaley

Two men were ordained:

- Rev. Dean Strickland
- Rev. Mark Fields

Bishop James D. Leggett did an outstanding job in presiding over the conference. He led in a powerful communion service and brought a special word from the Lord in the ordination service. Well Done, Bishop!

Space would not allow here the details passed in all the committee reports. Here are a few highlights:

- The Conference Board will now select the best dates for conference and camp meeting.
- The Superintendent's Advisory Council may be enlarged by the approval of the Conference Board.
- Superannuate ministers will be blessed at "events" with free meals and rooms by the decision of the board.
- Ministers who retire early (before 65) may receive funds at 80% at 62, 87% at 63, and 94% at 64.
- The Conference Board will annually consider increases for the superannuate ministers.
- The Evangelism Board will include a Hispanic representative.
- The Missions Committee will include a Hispanic pastor.
- The CEM Board is to establish classes for theological education by extension.
- The CEM Board was enlarged to include seat and voice for a youth pastor, local church CEM leaders, Conference Royal Rangers commander, and a Hispanic representative.
- The conference approved the conference allocation as follows:

  Year 2002 – 7%
  Beginning January, 2003 – 6%
  Beginning July, 2003 – 5.5%
  Beginning January, 2004 – 4.5%
  Beginning July, 2004 – 4%

- All churches are to pay the biblical tithe to the General Church.
- The Prayer Committee listed the important prayer events throughout the year.
- The WM Committee Report called for the continued study of a full-time WM director.
- The CEM Committee Report called for the study of a full-time youth pastor.

Special Note: In addition to the excellent Quadrennial Conference, the Camp Meeting this year was a great blessing. The attendance was the best in several years. The speakers did a fantastic job. Everyone was blessed by the spiritual altar services. Many were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Spirit. It was a great week.

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SUPERANNUATED BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Rev. W. M. Cordon	September 1
Rev. George Weaver	September 5
Rev. Vernon Clark	September 6
Rev. Elmer Mooring	September 7
Rev. Roy Williams	September 13
Rev. Johnie Pollard	September 13
Rev. William Wooten	September 14
Rev. Ralph Jernigan	September 15
Rev. Hill Teachey	September 17
Rev. Jimmy Williams	September 17
Rev. Lester Ormond	September 23
Rev. Melvin Narron	September 26

Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

On Mission With God: Living God's Purpose for His Glory

by Avery T. Willis, Jr. and Henry T. Blackaby. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2002. 253 pages.

How long has it been since you have really been challenged to stay on mission with God, caring deeply about His Glory and His Name, wanting to fulfill His will decisively and completely, committing your way to His perfect way? When was the last time you prayed, "Lord, if there is a wrong way, a wicked way in me, remove it, get rid of it, cleanse me, wash me, purify and sanctify me, and help me to be in a right, close, submissive relationship with you?"

Allow this reviewer to suggest to you a book that will stir your hungry heart, perhaps as never before, about the most important thing in life, that is, discovering your purpose and finding and following the Lord as your perfect guide through life. There are no mistakes in God's way. His way is perfect. There is no wrong direction in God's way. Your way is unchartered, laden with dangerous pitfalls and insurmountable obstacles. God's way is chartered. He goes before you, leading the way. As you go, He goes with you. As you go, He has already been where you are now going. He knows all things. Nothing catches the Lord off guard. Our way is flawed from the beginning. God's way is perfect. Let Him have His way with you. Commit your way unto the Lord.

In this book you will find a systematic, orderly approach to explaining God's purpose and His mission. There are four perspectives emphasized: 1) The close-up perspective: God using the seven realities of experiencing God, 2) The wide-angle perspective: God using the seven spiritual markers throughout your lifetime of experiencing God, 3) The 180-degree extra-wide-angle perspective: God using you to experience the people of God in your generation, 4) The 360-degree eternal perspective: how God reveals His eternal mission that all people glorify and worship Him.

To some this may sound a little complicated, but if you read a little, ponder a little, and sort out the information, line upon line and precept upon precept, you will find that it all adds up and makes a lot of sense. For example, what does God care about more than anything else in the whole world? God cares about His glory and holiness. How is God glorified? He is glorified when His holy people worship Him with their whole heart and reach out to the peoples of the world. A holy God loves the nations. He loves everyone.

How does this work out in real life? Churches in the business of glorifying God by edifying the Body of Christ and evangelizing the lost should reach out to all nations. Immediately, we run into the problem of color. The problem is not the color of a person's skin. The problem is in a man's heart. If a man loves God and seeks to glorify Him, then reaching out to a person of another race is not hard at all. Heaven will be filled with people of color. We will know as we are known. A few white believers will be present too. I trust you will be there.

Willis and Blackaby state, "As you go on mission with God, are you willing to do new things, break old paradigms, and work in every possible way with your brothers and sisters in the body of Christ to get the gospel out today to those who have never worshiped Him? Are you willing to change the question from *What can I do?* to, *What will it take to reach all the peoples of the world?* God longs for the nations to bow before Him and worship Him with their whole heart. No, everyone will not do this. There's coming a day when those who reject Christ and the Gospel will be coerced to bow their knee and confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus. What a sad day that will be. But the Body of Christ can labor, pray, and strive wholeheartedly to win as many as possible before it is too late. God welcomes all and desires that all people worship Him with all their being throughout the endless ages.

My heart was truly blessed as I read chapter after chapter of this landmark publication. It was difficult to put down. I promise you, the reader, that you will not be disappointed at all.

Available for Service

Rev. L.B. Collins is available for revivals, homecomings, and fill-ins. He can be reached at 142 Amy Lane, Benson, NC 27502 or by phone (919) 207-1952.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
RESHAPING LIVES

North Carolina Women's Ministries

Patsy C. Deese
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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraph

Several years ago a close friend sent me the following poem:

WHAT IS A FRIEND?

A friend helps when you least expect that help.
A friend listens when no one else seems to care.
A friend goes the extra mile regardless of wear to self.
At the good times and the bad, the friend is always there.
A friend continues to be loyal and full of support.
A friend cheers you up with a word, a smile – good rapport.
Lastly, a friend gives service and loads of kind love.
Friends are surely heaven sent, straight from God above.
(Author unknown)

God has blessed most of us with more friends that we can count. The NCWM Board is grateful for the friendships we have made through the years. Make new friends by inviting neighbors and newcomers to your local W.M. meetings. As we work together in Women's Ministries to build the Kingdom of God, my prayer is that you will be a friend to someone in need.

Think on these things:

- God won't ask what kind of ear you drove, but He'll ask how many people you drove that didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your house.
- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many people you helped to clothe.
- God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but He'll ask what you did to help others.
- God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

Proverbs 18:24 reads, *"A man who has friends must himself be friendly. But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."*

May the Lord continue to bless each of you as you minister to those in need. Be a friend today!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

ANNOUNCING NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DISTRICT DIRECTORS

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HAPPY HEARTS JOINT MEETING

Monday,
October 14, 2002
10:00 a.m.

Goldsboro First Church
Ministry Training Center
Goldsboro, NC

GUEST SPEAKER: **Pastor Donald Gray**
Red Hook Church
Brooklyn, New York

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting. Please come join us for this time of devotion and fellowship.

GIRLS' MINISTRIES

Missionettes Leadership Training

The Missionettes Leader Training Guide (MLTG) gives an overview of the purpose and organization of Missionettes ministry. This training course offers a study guide and open-book Scan-tron test covering all ten chapters. Topics include the purpose of Missionettes, how to get started, elements of a good sponsor, developmental characteristics of children, how to plan a club meeting, and the purpose of awards.

The *MLTG* is recommended for all leaders. It may be studied individually or in groups (group training is the recommended method).

The North Carolina MLT is scheduled for October 25-26, 2002, in Falcon. Registration forms will be available the middle of September. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bobbi McNeese, NC Conference Girls' Ministries Coordinator.

North Carolina Girls' Ministries Coordinator

Mrs. Bobbi McNeese comes to us from the Clinton First Church in Clinton, North Carolina. Bobbi and her husband, Kenny, have four children: thirteen-year-old Kenny Jr., eleven-year-old Santell, nine-year-old Bryce, and two-year-old Isaiah. Bobbi has been involved in Missionettes for six years. We are thrilled that she has accepted the position as Girls' Ministries Coordinator for the North Carolina Conference.

Please make Bobbi welcome in the local church as you contact her concerning the Girls' Ministries Program. We are blessed to have such a dynamic person to lead our sponsors and girls. Bobbi shared with me, "I feel so privileged to be stepping into this position. I am still in awe that God wants to use me. It is a huge task, and I don't by any means take it lightly."

Please keep Bobbi and her family in your prayers as she becomes acclimated in this ministry position.

POTPOURRI . . .

If you are working with crazy glue and you get it on you skin or even anywhere else you don't want it, just use some nail polish remover or Acetone, and it will clean up with ease.

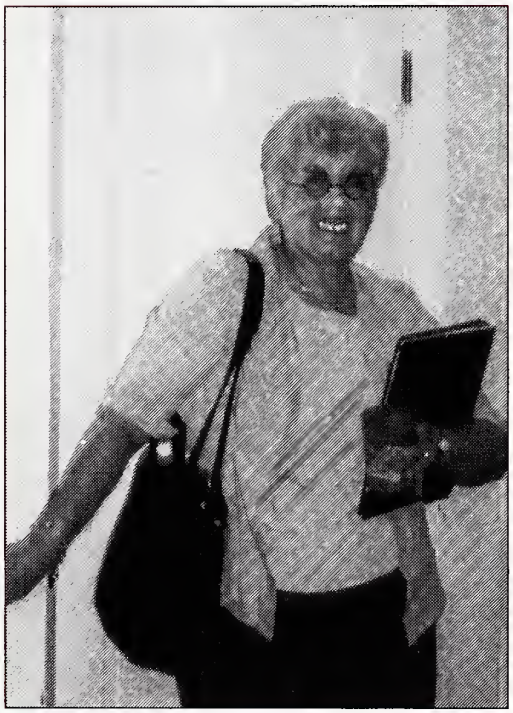
To clean dust off your house plants, give them a shower in the sink; larger plants love a real shower.

To leave a fresh odor on your carpet or upholstery when vacuuming, simply insert a sheet of dryer fabric softener into your vacuum. Leaves fresh smell and costs pennies.

Next time you're out shopping, keep this in mind: Every time you buy something new, you should throw out something old. Not only will it be good for your closet, but possibly your bank account, too.

Say no to waste! Create separate hanging sections for suits, dresses, jackets, and shirts. Group each by length so there's no dead space.

GUESS WHO?



Thank You

Please convey in your next mailing my deep appreciation for the school supplies drive the ladies shared at the NCWM Convention. I am so grateful to be among a group of women who look for opportunities to be a blessing! I have already packed some of these items to go with me as I leave Thursday (June 13) for Guyana, South America!

I am so grateful for the "school supplies" drive that the girls and sponsors took part in at their recent conference in Falcon. OTT's warehouse was low to none in inventory and now the Girls' Ministries has been a real blessing to our missionaries and children's workers all over the world.

God bless you all so much for doing this for the good of the Kingdom worldwide!

In His Service,
Missionary C. Rose Boyd

I received a scholarship for Emmanuel College from North Carolina Women's Ministries on June 8. I wanted to tell you and the other ladies that I really appreciate the honor of receiving this scholarship. It will help me in continuing my education at Emmanuel College.

Thank You,
Nicholas Davenport

I greatly appreciate the scholarship awarded to me by the Women's Ministries. I will be a senior at Emmanuel this year, and I am excited about what God has for me. This scholarship will certainly help me with financing my education. Your efforts in assisting students with finances to attend college are very important. Thank you again so much for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,
Matt Nicholson

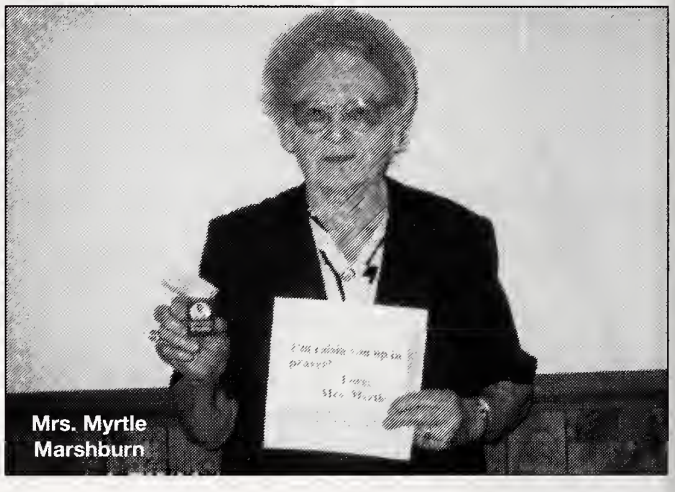
Thank you so much for the scholarship given to me by your organization. I greatly appreciate your generosity, as this will certainly help me in financing my college expenses. I am really looking forward to learning academically and growing in Christ during the upcoming year at Emmanuel. It is such a wonderful gesture on your organization's part to assist students with their education. Thank you again, and God Bless!

Desiring His will,
Jenna Nicholson

I'm Raisin' You Up In Prayer

Often we overlook the value of our "more mature" sisters in the Lord when actually they have much to give. They have "been there and done that." One of the greatest gifts they can give is the gift of intercession. In our local congregation we are blessed to have Mrs. Myrtle Marshburn, a lovely lady who served faithfully by her husband's side for seventeen years as they pastored the Verona Pentecostal Holiness Church. In recent years, Mrs. Myrtle's health has prevented her from attending our monthly Women's Ministries meetings on a regular basis. However, she still has the ability to approach the throne of grace boldly. Recently, Mrs. Myrtle joyfully agreed to pray for the individual needs of each lady in our Women's Ministries. At our meeting everyone was given a box of raisins with a note attached which read:

"I'm raisin' you up in prayer."
Love, Mrs. Myrtle.



Mrs. Myrtle Marshburn

I borrowed the idea from Barbara Johnson's new book *Plant a Geranium in Your Cranium*. Prayer request cards were filled out and placed in a heart-shaped basket. Mrs. Myrtle now has those requests and daily raises them up before our Lord. We are expecting great things to come as a result of her intercession. As she agreed to pray for our individual needs, we are collectively praying for her. This truly is a Win-Win situation.

My challenge to you is that you give each lady an opportunity to serve in the capacity suitable for her. Everyone can be a valuable asset to our Women's Ministries.

Janice Marshburn
NCWM Director of Intercession
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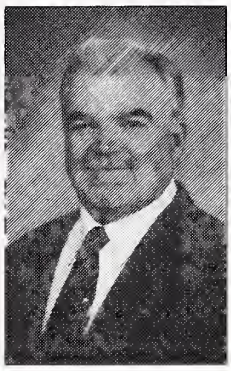

"Partners in Ministry"

GRAB YOUR HARD HAT!

The horrific airplane crashes into the Twin Towers of New York City and the Pentagon in our nation's capital on September 11 were acts of violence and tragedy that swept Americans off their feet. We in this generation had not collectively experienced anything of this magnitude that caused so much pain but at the same time brought so many people closer together than ever before.

There were tough days ahead for those who remained in the aftermath of the terrorist strikes on our nation. Satan's destructive act drove "one nation under God" to our knees. Our churches were filled to capacity, and prayer was everywhere.

Sadly, as the one-year anniversary of this assault rapidly approaches, it doesn't take a national pollster to determine that most Americans have slipped right back into their "pre-9/11" habits and lifestyle. For too many, 9/11 has become a conversation topic no more.

Seeing how 9/11 brought Americans of all colors and walks of life together and caused them to cry out corporately to God really impacted my heart this year. Seeing it slip away has put a heavy burden in my spirit. How can we, as God's men, bring people back together and, most importantly, back to Him?

America has a great need, more significant than rebuilding the Towers or strengthening Wall Street. There is so much spiritual and emotional confusion in our homes, churches, and workplaces today. There is WORK to be done, and God has impressed on my heart one way we, as the Men of Ministry, need to tackle the job: we need to roll up our sleeves, put on our spiritual hard hats, and start "BUILDING BRIDGES" in the kingdom of God!

"BUILDING BRIDGES" is a way to bring all people together. The first bridge we want to focus on is one to connect all generations. If we can bring our young men and old men together to work as one for the Lord, we will start building relationships that close and connect the generation gap. We will start making a difference!

As we unite hands across the bridge of generations, together we can build up God's kingdom. We can rise up as an army of the Lord and use all the talents we have as a connected group; the boundless energy of the young coupled with the wisdom and resources of the older can be harnessed to make a difference in many tangible ways. We can renovate churches physically while we are building up all generations of men spiritually. We can send out teams of young and old to build orphanages or mission churches and win the lost to Jesus ... while we are there. When generations work together under the leading of the Lord, the possibilities are endless!

Men, plan now to come October 11 and 12 to the Men's Advance to hear more about "BUILDING BRIDGES." Our theme is confirmed by the Word of God, for He says, **"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And... whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"** (Acts 2:17, 21). So please grab your hard hat and get on board with us in this wonderful time of construction as we start "BUILDING BRIDGES" for the kingdom of God.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 11-12, 2002, Men's Advance, Falcon, NC. Special Speakers – Daniel Beard, Ken Turner

Please be in prayer & plan to attend!

Other Important Dates:

- October 7 – Pastor Appreciation Sunday. If you need the 2002 Pastor Appreciation Packet, please call 838-367-4153.
- October 25-26 – IPHC National Sunday School Convention, Charlotte, NC, at The Adam's Mark Hotel.
- November 14-16 – National Conference on Ministry to Men, Indianapolis, IN. Call 888-867-4153 for a brochure and/or information.

World Intercession Network

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TIME IN PRAYER

As Christians we have the great opportunity of spending time in the presence of God. How we spend it and where we spend it is our choice.

On July 14-21, 2002, the decision was made to spend some time in corporate prayer, seeking the presence and will of God for the NC Conference at Falcon, NC. These prayer times were held during camp meeting and conference sessions.

All pastors, local church bodies, WIN captains, and leaders were invited to join us for these special times in prayer. We met at 8:30 a.m. in the Octagon Tabernacle and in the evening sessions in the Prayer Room at the J.A. Culbreth Auditorium.

The Lord met with us in such a lovely way and gave us words of exhortation.

Jeremiah 31:3 – "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee."

The Message Bible says it like this: "God told them, 'I've never quit loving you and never will. Expect love, love, and more love! And so now I'll start over with you and build you up again, dear virgin Israel.' "

I truly believe that we will experience and are experiencing God's unfailing love as we have never experienced it before. God loves you and me, and He wants to share more of Himself with us. He also wants to share who He is and what He is. Time is short, the end is near, and God wants to reveal His everlasting love to man.

From John 11:39,40 the Holy Spirit spoke to us about "taking away the stone." If we believe, we will see the glory of God.

God wants us to remove things from our lives that are standing between Him and us. He is asking us to believe and love Him more than we ever have. He is calling the church back to a close, intimate relationship. Prayer is the key, along with the Word and worship. He is calling us to be passionately in love with Him, as He is with us.

During our times of prayer, we could sense the *love* of God all around us and through us. Our *love* for one another grew as the *anointing* flowed and was imparted. We felt strengthened and empowered by His glorious presence.

Our prayer time also brought forth the fruit of unity in the conference sessions. Many important decisions were made with the help and leading of God's Spirit. For this we are thankful to God, and also to those who took the *time to pray*. May the Lord continue to use you mightily as a vessel of prayer.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY; GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!

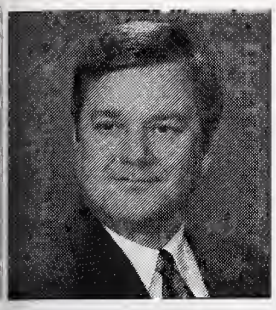
Our next time to meet for WIN, prayer, and teaching will be:

WIN PRAYER CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 2, 2002
Falcon NC Training Center
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: Mrs. Barbara James

All ministers, pastors and spouses, WIN captains, church members, leaders, evangelists, and missionaries are invited to come.



Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

COOPERATION, CREATIVITY

Last month I introduced the Evangelism/World Missions Ministries theme for 2003. It is found in Mark 2:1-12, more specifically verse 4. The theme thought is "thinking outside the box." These men's focus and mission was to get their friend to Jesus. Four words characterize these four unnamed friends in the story, and last month we discussed two of them; they showed genuine *concern*, which bred *compassion*. We ended the article with the men formulating a plan. The next word that characterizes them and their actions is *cooperation*. Though we are not given their names, no doubt one of them took the lead to bring the plan to pass, and all four pitched in and contributed their parts and abilities to get their friend to Jesus because his plight was their focus, and Jesus was the goal.

It is recorded in Matthew, Mark, and Luke; however, we will look at Mark's version in chapter 2:1-12. It is the account of Jesus visiting Capernaum, entering into a house to preach, and four men bringing to him a friend who was confined to a bed, sick with the palsy. The focus of this story is four men who brought their friend to Jesus. There are four words that characterize these four friends and indeed should characterize the church today as we approach Missions/Evangelism ministry in the North Carolina Conference. There is a ripe harvest of souls in eastern North Carolina and all around the world who are waiting for someone to tell them the story of salvation. These four friends were convinced by the reports they had heard that if they could get their friend to Jesus, he would be healed and delivered. They may have had some differences about how to carry the mission out, or whether it would be worthwhile, or how they were going to coordinate their schedules, yet now we see them together, sharing the load, working together. I also think it interesting, as in many of the life episodes of Jesus' ministry, the participants are not named, nor do we ever hear of them again. Yet Jesus honored their faith, their concern, their compassion, and their cooperation. This is a powerful lesson and model for the people of the North Carolina Conference. While tens of thousands of people in eastern North Carolina are facing a Christless eternity, we oftentimes are caught up with things that don't matter at all, but they hinder the harvest – what a tragedy. These men worked together in spite of their differing views. Their friend's plight was their focus, and Jesus was the goal.

The final word that depicts these men is their *creativity*, and this brings together our theme for 2003: "Thinking outside the box." The story does not end on the sad note of four drooping men carrying a despondent, needy friend back home in hopelessness. Instead, the four concerned, compassionate, cooperating, creative friends showed, *We will not be deterred or disappointed. We'll even think outside the box*. When they saw the "filled to overflowing" house (v. 2) they shifted to plan B. *If the normal way is closed, we'll do it by a different method. We'll make a door, an entrance to get him to Jesus.* Carefully notice, their focus and goal was still the same; however, their method and approach changed. Their focus was the plight of their friend, and their goal was *to get him to Jesus*.

I'm sure that we have heard the saying, "These are different times" until we may be weary; however, let me tell you *these are different times*. When I see the harvest in eastern North Carolina and the tools at our fingertips, the life-changing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, I am excited at the prospects of what can be done. However, we may have to "think outside the box" to get the job done; to get our friends, neighbors, family members, and even people we don't know at all to Jesus.

There is yet one more word that is really a result of the characteristics and obedience of these four men. When Jesus honored their faith and the friend was healed and delivered (v. 12), the people present left the house that day saying, "We never saw anything like this."

My prayer is that in the remainder of 2002 and throughout 2003, we will hear this testimony again and again from this conference as believers display genuine *concern*, that breeds *compassion,* which generates *cooperation*, and will bring about *creativity*. When this happens, the Holy Spirit will perform a powerful work of conviction and regeneration, and great celebration

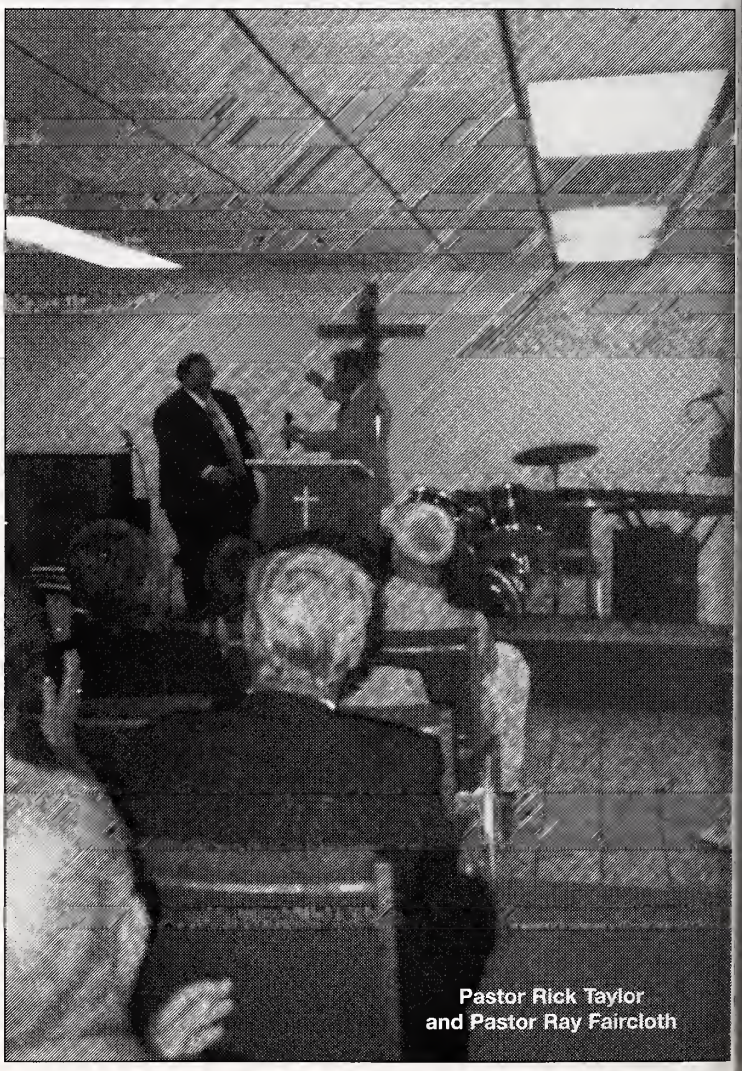
The Damascus Road Pentecostal Holiness Church

Pastor and Mrs. Rick Taylor

On Sunday, July 7, at 3:00 p.m., the doors of the Damascus Road Pentecostal Holiness Church of Raeford, North Carolina, were opened for the very first time. There were 117 people present for the service, with four of our district churches represented. Damascus Road Church is an on-purpose church plant birthed from the Saint Paul's First Pentecostal Holiness Church through the leadership of Pastor Raymond Faircloth. It was birthed purposely and under the divine leadership of Almighty God. Pastor and Mrs. Rick Taylor, members of the Saint Paul's Church, heard the call of God to reach out to the lost, the hurting, the sick, and the forgotten of Raeford, North Carolina, and they responded. We have been blessed with a beautiful facility to worship in.

Thank you, Brother Danny Nelson and the Evangelism Board, for helping make this vision for Raeford a reality. We look forward to the bountiful harvest God has promised. It's not about us, but it's all about Him; it's about winning souls for the Kingdom. The harvest truly is plenteous, not just in Raeford, but everywhere. There is much work to be done; may we always be ready to share in the plan of salvation with others and help lead them to Christ. Let us always be ready to witness to others about the goodness of God and ready to go out of our way to tell a dying world that He lives and loves them. God is looking for some willing laborers for the harvest

Church planting is great! The rewards are eternal. God bless each one of us as we reach out to the world and bring in the lost everywhere. **It's harvest time.**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Spotlight on Portfolios of the New CEM Board

Paul F. Evans
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Pastor Paul will be putting out a monthly e-mail about Sunday school. Here is the first edition. Please don't fret if you do not have e-mail. Send your name and address to the NC Conference CEM Department at P.O. Box 60, Falcon, NC 28342.

Sunday School Superintendents / CE Directors,

This is the first in a series of e-news from the Conference CEM Department. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep you up to speed with Sunday school-related issues in the conference and to share tips and ideas that may be of help. So, tell me what is working in your Sunday School and also what has not worked. I would like this eventually to become a sort of discussion forum. If possible, I would like to field a problem-solving question each month by publishing the question and sharing ideas and answers from superintendents and CE directors all over the conference.

Don't forget to register for the National Sunday School Convention in Charlotte October 25-26. Registration is only $35/person, and hotel accommodations around $89 + tax. Be sure to catch the early bird registration deadline. It promises to be a great weekend of workshops as well as inspirational speakers. It will be a much-needed personal shot in the arm to reignite the Sunday School passion in all of us. I'll see you there!

TIP OF THE MONTH!

Let me first of all say that for most of us, this is self-evident. However, there are times that in the rush of things we tend to neglect some of the least pressing matters. Each year it is helpful to schedule a formal promotion Sunday. September is usually Sunday school promotion month. It is important to grade your Sunday school properly and promote students to the next class when they are of age. For a child, this is a milestone of achievement. You may even arrange to give certificates, which can easily be printed on a computer at minimal cost and effort. It is worth the effort. Keep rigidly to your age delimitation and resist the temptation to fudge or make special classes. That way, promotion will be truly meaningful.

Most adult classes are somewhat graded by age, but good luck moving them around. One of my teachers recently complained that no one wanted to be promoted to his class because it was the jumping-off place! The next promotion was out of this world! You'll hardly ever "promote" adults. Instead, it is usually better to see the adult classes as divided by teaching style or approach. Some classes will be happy with a quarterly; others may want to increase attendance among adults that will not come to Sunday school for the usual fare. As long as there is nothing fractious or unhealthy going on, no competition, it is okay for adults to group around favorite teachers. So forgot the idea of age in the adult range and focus more on developing groups of compatible people who are focused in a particular direction.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH!

How do you effectively recruit teachers for preschool through the teen classes?

- Share some of your recruiting methods with us
- How do you set up a teacher in a class without making them feel they have been given a life sentence without parole?
- What safeguards do you currently use in case a teacher is not working out and needs to be moved?

Next month's question... about Sunday School nursery classes!

If you are interested in receiving this e-mail, please e-mail Paul Evans at the above e-mail address.

Portfolios of the National Royal Rangers Winners

Congratulations to Travis Davis of Goldsboro for winning 2002 National Air- Sea-Trail Ranger of the Year.

Travis attends Stantonsburg PH Church in Stantonsburg, NC, where he is Lt. Commander in the Pioneer age group of Outpost #69.

Other awards and schools he has attended include:

- Gold Medal of Achievement
- Gold Buffalo Award
- Standard Leaders Medal of Achievement
- Buckaroo/Straight Arrow Leaders Medal of Achievement
- Junior Leaders Service Medal
- NTC
- JTLC
- AJTC JCE

He has also served as the Senior Guide at the last JLTC held at Falcon.

Congratulations to Kent Flowers, III of Reelsboro for winning 2002 National Trailblazer of the Year.

Kent attends Reelsboro PH Church in New Bern, NC, in Outpost #84. He has been in Royal Rangers for ten years and has been a member of the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship for the past two years.

Kent is very active in the church, participating in mowing at the church, church work days, church fund-raisers, helping with the nursery, rest home ministry, and church missions.

Kent's next goal is to earn Royal Rangers' highest advancement: the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Our Rangers are under the direction of our Conference Royal Rangers Commander, Andre Davenport, who is now a member of the Conference CEM Board.

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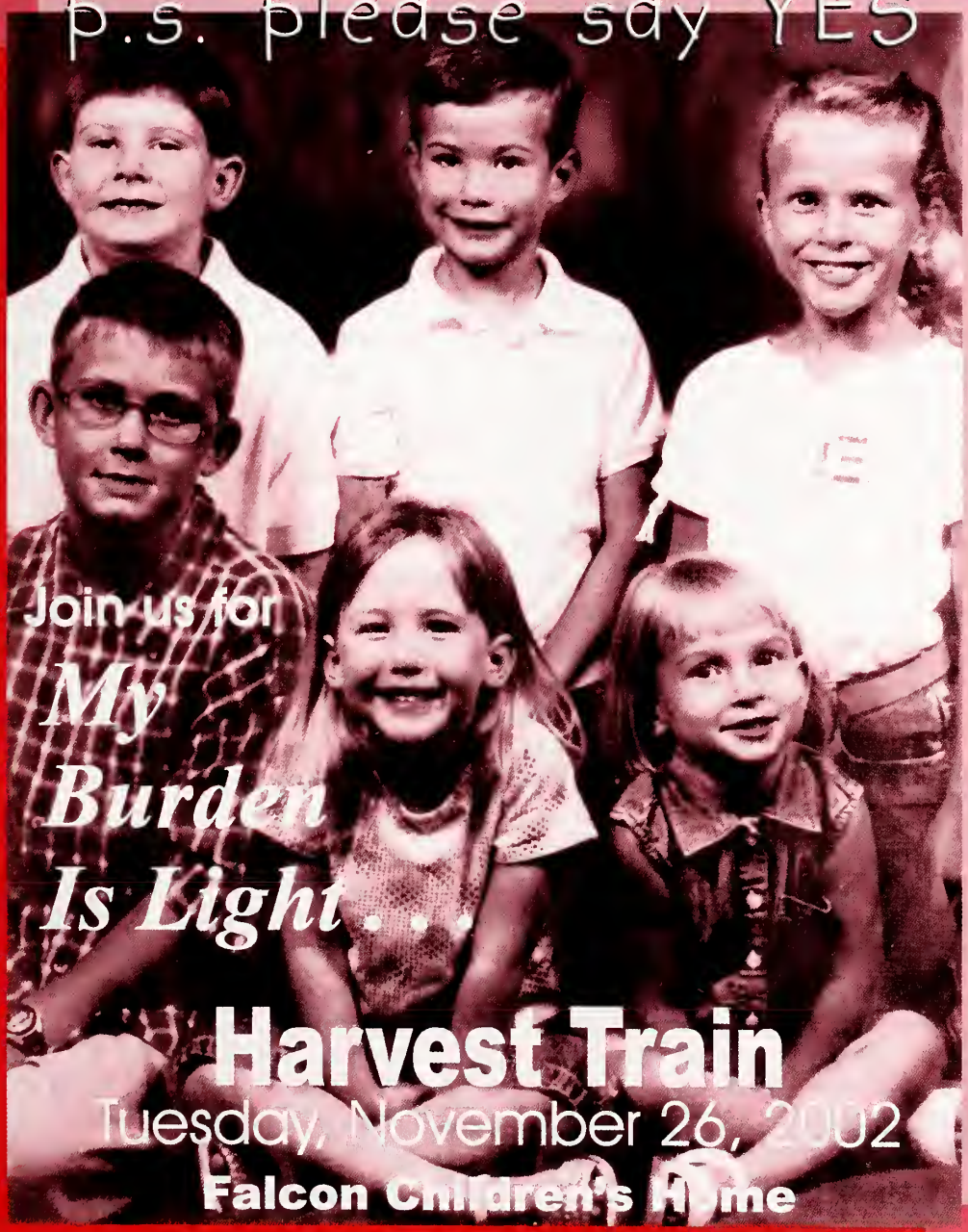

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

NC Conference IPHC Annual Theme - 2003

H I M

2002 is fast coming to a conclusion. 2003 is here. At the fall round of District Conference, the theme for the Conference is being discussed. The theme is HIM!

The theme ties in beautifully with the General Church theme – Proclaiming His Kingdom. This emphasis breaks down as follows: 2002-2003 Reaching People; 2003-2004 Making Disciples. This entire decade the church as a whole is endeavoring to Reach 3 and Plant 3. This is a time of challenge and obedience to the Lord's call.

There is much confusion in the world over the purpose and ministry of the church. Many are mixing religions and doctrines. It is a new informational society. In the church world this, at times, works against the true focus of the church. One should always remember it is all about HIM. The church is HIS church. Christians are HIS people. HE has plans for each individual. It is all about HIM! It is not about man or his desires. When one is saved, he relinquishes the right to himself. He ceases to be the owner of himself (as if he ever were). Ironically, when the Christian ceases to live, he begins to live. "It is not I but Christ who lives within me."

Consider Hebrews 12:1-3: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him..."

Three directives speak from the passage – Consider Him, Consider Them, and Consider Us. The focus will be on the first directive. The last two will be summarized.

CONSIDER HIM

He guarded the right treasure! (Heart)
He was willing to walk away! (World)
He said, "You Can!" (All things are possible)
He defined HIS success before HE began! (Father's Will)
He didn't work for money!
He surrendered. (Father)
He knew you can't fix what isn't broken! (Brokenhearted)
He saw through a larger window! (Fields of Harvest)
He had multiple titles! (272)
He never underestimated the widow's mite!
He started small! (Babe – manger)
He was nice to His boss!
He knew He couldn't quit!
He knew it was okay to limp to the finish line!
He said, "Did you look up on the roof?"
He was in over His head! (Faith)
He knew he could cry if He wanted to! ("Jesus wept")
He knew a business plan wouldn't save Him! (Vision – perish)
He deflected spears and arrows! (Pharisees, etc.)
He had x-ray vision! (Hearts)
He overcame the desperadoes! (Evil spirits)
He didn't let the winds drive Him crazy! (Boat – circumstances)
He spent time in Egypt!
He knew He was "Big enough"!
He finished what He started!
He was accountable!
He submitted His plans! (Prayer)
He knew His herds!
He did sweat the small stuff! (Little is much)
He left Satan alone!
He slept!
He allowed room for children!
He experienced transfiguration!
He embraced the presence of God!
He walked in beauty!
He WON!

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CONSIDER THEM!

Jesus always looked to the masses. His mission was people. *"Lift up your eyes to the fields – they are white with harvest."* (John 4:35). What a blessing would occur if His followers would do the same today. Lord grant it!

CONSIDER US!

Believers are a chosen generation. They are a royal priesthood. They are His own peculiar people (special). They are a holy nation. Why? The reason is simple – that they should show forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into His marvelous light!

There is a race to run. He is the center of the track. All eyes should be on HIM. There is a job to do. There is His house to build. There is a symphony to play. When He is involved in the believers' lives, music is added to the notes. Without Him the music ceases to live. "Without HIM we are nothing!" HE rejoices over the church with singing. *"The Lord your God is in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing!"* (Zephaniah 3:17).

"For all the promises of God in Him, are yes, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God through us." (2 Corinthians 1:20).

For of HIM and through HIM, and to HIM are all things to whom be glory forever. Amen" (Romans 11:36).

"Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31).

One may have natural talents, teamwork, the right circumstances, and the right timing, but without HIM all is but sham and show. Life is hollow and meaningless. But with HIM all things are possible! There is meaning! There is joy! There is fulfillment!

May 2003 be a year when every church, church member, and clergy person within the NC Conference recognizes HIM. May it be so.

N E W S

CHURCH NEWS

Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Renovation of the Heart: Putting on the Character of Christ

by Dallas Willard. Colorado Springs, Colorado: NavPress, 2002. 269 pages.

The goal of Christian maturity is the transformation of our personal lives into Christlikeness. Willard proposes that this transformation is possible only through the transformation of our spirits working from the inside out and being increasingly changed into the character of Christ. The spiritual formation of Christ in the Christian, therefore, occurs when there is a deliberate (willful), systematic (disciplinary) approach by the individual. It is a choice and a desire, hungering for more of God and allowing the Word of God and the Spirit of God gradually to renew and alter the inner man as this process occurs, resulting in greater Christlikeness. Good intentions are not enough. The will of the person must execute the redirection of the other essential components of the individual, but the will must work in conjunction with the other human factors.

The change in the Christian occurs by transforming the universal factors in human life: spirit, mind, body, social context, soul, and will. This holistic emphasis leads to an ideal end where the believer is complete and whole in Christ in terms of the three significant areas of man, namely, body, soul, and spirit because there is a proper alignment with God and with what is good.
(1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Willard stated, "The central point of the book is that spiritual transformation only happens as each essential dimension of the human being is transformed to Christlikeness under the direction of a regenerate will interacting with constant overtures of grace from God. Such transformation is not the result of mere human effort, and cannot be accomplished by putting pressure on the will alone." This has tremendous implications in terms of the doctrine of sanctification. Sanctification is both a human and a divine endeavor. No one can make himself or herself holy. We are not holy because of what we have or have not done. We are holy only as the Holy Spirit has enabled us to do what is right and necessary and true in the sight of God. In fact the Apostle Paul stressed this key point in Romans 8:4, where he clearly teaches that the righteousness of the law occurs *in* us, not *by* us. This means the righteous demand of the law is fulfilled in believers who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Holiness is God's work. Yet we have a vital role as well in terms of keeping ourselves unspotted from the world, and obeying the grace commands that are designed to keep us separated from sin and the world. We live in a culture that is not conducive to sanctified living. This is why we have an obligation to walk in the Spirit. We have a responsibility to keep ourselves in the love of God. We must always remember that it is God who works in us both to will and to work for the sake of His good pleasure.

The Pharisees got themselves into real trouble when they began to believe that holiness was all about what they did and did not do. They were sinfully proud of their "separation." Holiness was judged by the criteria of what they failed to do and what they did. But a person can cross every "t" and dot every "i" in terms of so called "righteous living" and still miss the mark of pleasing God altogether. Rules replaced the more important relationship with God, and became the chains that

bound and blinded them from true spiritual perception and godly living based on a loving relationship with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

This reviewer admits that it may require several readings or more in order rightly to understand and evaluate the contents of this publication. It is a mistake to read it fast. You read a little, think a little, and ponder some more, attempting to connect the vital biblical truths and the key conceptual relationships that produce Christlike character.

Chapter seven, which addresses the relationship between feelings and spiritual formation, should be read by every Pentecostal believer. Willard contends that feelings can be a blessing and a problem for human life. Feelings are essential to life, but they are not everything. Perhaps some old feelings need to be done away with, and new feelings adopted. It makes for interesting and perhaps provocative reading, but nevertheless noteworthy and helpful. Thank the Lord there is such a thing as a "godly feeling."

This publication is highly recommended for a subject worthy of a Sunday school setting or some other "discussion" type group. Every Christian desiring a closer walk with the Lord and in need of a serious challenge to mature and grow beyond his or her present spiritual level should read and study this book. Trust me, you will be glad you made the effort.

Biblical Hermeneutics: A Comprehensive Introduction to Interpreting Scripture.

(Editors: Bruce Corley, Steve W. Lemke and Grant Lovejoy) Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2002, 525 pages.

Accurately interpreting Holy Scripture continues to be an ongoing challenge for the minister of the Gospel and for the layman who seeks to expound and explain the Word of God. This edition, a compilation of articles and writings by various authors, is not heavily laden with great technical details of hermeneutics. It addresses the development of hermeneutics in time, the language of Scripture, including the various genres, and the necessary hermeneutical principles for rightly dividing the Word and moving from an understanding of the ancient text to contemporary Christian living.

All contributors have an extensive background in the field of the art and science of biblical interpretation. Calvin Miller closes the book with a chapter entitled "The Seeable Sermon," which emphasizes the value of a well placed illustration that enlightens the message to the hearers.

If you would like to grow in your ability to interpret, teach, and preach God's Word, then this will be a helpful addition to your collection of worthy books. MLD

Superannuated Birthdays for October

Rev. J. Doner Lee	October 2
Rev. J. B. Perry	October 3
Rev. W. A. Crawford	October 3
Rev. William C. Dunning	October 6
Rev. W. B. Satterfield	October 13
Rev. Thomas Conway	October 14
Rev. Linwood Manning	October 15
Rev. Lotis Joyner	October 17
Rev. Mrs. Pauline Knowles	October 18
Rev. Mrs. Ethel Bailey	October 29
Rev. Miss Louise Smith	October 31

Birth Announcements

Rev. Bill and Sandra Daniels proudly announce the birth of two grandchildren in August:

Ian Xavier Daniels
born 8-13-02 to
Jonathan and Brandie Daniels

Cali Jon Massengill
born 8-28-02 to
Brent and Shannon Massengill

Other proud grandparents:
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Lee and Gloria Royal – Sharon Church
John and Judy Massengill of Cary, NC
Donna Godwin of Dunn, NC

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

The other morning as I was standing at the kitchen counter, I looked up through the living room window and noticed that the leaves are beginning to change color. What a beautiful time of year.

Life, for most of us, is filled with change. We change schools, careers, homes, and relationships. Some changes are not always planned; they just happen. An unexpected death or accident can change our lives forever. How we deal with these changes is a reflection of our relationship with Christ.

As women of God, we should welcome the opportunity to use the changes in our lives to minister to the needs of others. Life is an adventure, and the challenges we face each day will equip us to be all He wants us to be. There's a chorus we sing, *"Holy Spirit rain down, let your power fall, let your voice be heard, come and change our hearts as we stand on your Word."*

It is so refreshing to go to the Word of God and read from Malachi 3:6, "I the Lord do not change." What a powerful scripture. As we serve the women of the North Carolina Conference, the NCWM Council is praying for the Lord to make changes in our thoughts, our minds and our attitudes. We want to be a reflection of His love.

In your local W.M. meetings, are you using the changes in your life to reflect His love? Remember, together we can make a difference!

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

If you would like to contact me by e-mail, my address is: **happyface@mail.clis.com**
Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed.

"Mrs. Patsy"
NCWM Director

NCWM also has a Web page: **nciphc.com** and click on **Women's Ministries**
General Ministries Web page: **iphc.org** and click on **Women's Ministries.**

You will find information on these Web sites to assist you in your local church. Please take a few minutes and browse both sites.

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What is your closet's biggest enemy? Too much stuff.

- If you haven't worn it in a year, toss it.
- Ward off your feelings of regret by giving your items to charity.
- Make more room for everyday clothes by moving formalwear or seasonal clothes to a guest room closet.
- Shoes should be placed on shelves at eye level or in a rack hung on the door. Keep shoes that are worn less frequently in their boxes, with a photo of the shoe glued to the outside of the box.
- Ties and belts should be hung on space-saving racks placed near the shirts or pants.

Gale Taylor is the Morehead City District Director. She and her husband, Mike, attend the Graham Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church in Mill Creek, NC. The Lord has blessed Gale with a desire to pray and minister to those in need. We welcome Gale as part of the NCWM Leadership Team. Her address is 240 Channel Rock Road, Beaufort, NC 28516. Her telephone number is 252-728-1437.

BRING MY BEDROOM SHOES TO W.M.?

With no reason given, the ladies of the Jacksonville Women's Ministries were asked to bring their favorite bedroom shoes to our monthly meeting. Excitement filled the air as some came in wearing them while others had them in a bag.

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Eventually, all were displayed together for a "Bedroom Shoes Contest." Some were soiled, and some were faded, but most had that comfortable "worn" look. Judging was by secret ballot in three categories:

Prettiest
I Wouldn't Be Caught Dead In Them
Funniest

Giggles and teasing could be heard all around the room as the ballots were being marked. Our winners were:

Dyan Thompson — Prettiest
Iris King — I Wouldn't Be Caught Dead In Them Funniest

We all went home reminded that from those shoes, we could be raptured into another world.

Janice Marshburn
Local Director

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North Carolina Men's Ministries

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MISSIONS IN AMERICA

I support missions in every way that I can. I believe in what missionaries are doing! Jesus said in **Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."** Notice that Jesus didn't specify certain areas of the world; he said "ALL"!

Well, I think "ALL" includes the United States. I guess because this is our home that we have a tendency to overlook the needs here when we are planning for "missions" work. But Jesus told the disciples to be witnesses for Him in Jerusalem, their home, and then spread into Judea, Samaria, and then the uttermost parts of the world (Acts 1:8).

This thought really hit home with me recently when one of our leaders approached me about helping a church in Pennsylvania that desperately needed some renovation work done. I traveled to Pittsburgh to meet with the pastor and see what types of repairs they were facing. In the inner city of Pittsburgh, I found a small group of believers working in a vital ministry to the lost and hurting of their neighborhood.

This tiny congregation was miraculously able to purchase a historical church building for a fraction of what it should have cost. But now they are having a hard time getting help to make the repairs that are necessary. The roof must be immediately replaced to prevent further damage. There are walls and areas of flooring that need to be ripped out and new put in. Areas cry out for a fresh coat of paint. But the edifice itself is a beautiful, useful building that certainly merits renovating for the community there!

Witnessing firsthand the ministry needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Pittsburgh opened my eyes to the ongoing need of missions in America. While visiting those precious Christians who were eager to win their friends and neighbors to the Lord and offer them a safe haven from the devil's world, I thought: *Wouldn't it be great if our men in the North Carolina Conference would come together and offer whatever they could to help these people and many others with similar needs?*

I really believe that lost souls will be reached if we will only step forward and do whatever we can. I ask for your prayers and support for missions in the United States. If you can help financially or physically, please attend the Men's Fall Advance on October 11 and hear more details about this project...or contact me at: **Ronnie Basden, 345 Hwy. 11 South, Kinston, NC 28504, home (252)523-8380, cell (252)268-6951, email rbncmen@hotmail.com**

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Register your men's group now! At present we have 108 Men's Ministries chapters registered out of 194 churches; only 86 to go. Please call 888-867-4153 and register your Men's Ministries today. We will send support materials to you!

Time is drawing near! Plan now to attend the N.C. Men's Fall Advance, Falcon, NC, October 11-12, 2002. Brochures have been mailed to all pastors. For more information contact: Ronnie Basden, 345 Hwy. 11 South, Kinston, NC 28504, home (252)523-8380, cell (252)268-6951, email rbncmen@hotmail.com

Please be in prayer & plan to attend!

World Intercession Network

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WIN PRAYER CONFERENCE
Fan the Flame

Saturday, November 2, 2002
Falcon Training Center
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: Mrs. Barbara James
WIN Director of IPHC

The North Carolina Conference, in response to the Word of God that exhorts us as believers to "pray without ceasing," will be holding **annual** WIN Prayer Conferences in Falcon.

We acknowledge that a life of prayer and intimacy is essential in every believer's life. This life of prayer will help each of us obtain and maintain the purposes, plans, and blessings of God.

Our prayer conferences are designed to help challenge, mature, and enlarge your vision toward individual prayer, corporate prayer, and intercessory prayer.

We look forward to seeing all ministers, pastors and spouses, WIN captains, church members, leaders, evangelists and missionaries.

"Let me burn out for God. Of all that God may appoint, prayer is the greatest thing. Oh, that I may be a person of prayer!"

Return registration to::
Lydia Figueroa, 3910 Daytona Rd.
Fayetteville, NC 28311
Phone: 910-822-1577 or 910-429-0312

PRAYER DATES TO REMEMBER

- January Global Day of Prayer and Fasting for all IPHC around the world.
- Seeking God for the City – Forty Days to Palm Sunday.
- National Day of Prayer – First Thursday of May
- Camp Meeting/Conference
- First Friday Fast – First Friday of every month – 1 Timothy 2:1-4
- See You at the Pole – Third Wednesday in September (schools and country)
- October – Mission 21 Prayer Watch – One day a month for 12 hours – designated for the nations.
- 10/40 Window – Thirty-one day prayer guide.
- November – Persecuted Church
- WIN Prayer Conference
- Lighthouse Movement – Daily prayer for neighbors
- Day of Prayer and Fasting / Superintendent and Conference Board

Please sign me up for the WIN Prayer Conference

Name _____

Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Number who will be attending with me _____

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Banner Year for New Churches

These words of Jesus were never more timely and appropriate than they are now: **"Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest"** (Matthew 9:38).

Never have the harvest fields of the world, the United States, and of Eastern North Carolina been as ripe for harvest as they are in 2002. The census of 2000 shows that 3.2 million people live within the geographic area of our conference. We have presently 194 churches in our conference, which means there is one IPHC Church for 16,500 people. There are also 355,000 people of Hispanic descent in North Carolina. Of our 194 churches in our conference, 27 of these are Hispanic. To God be the glory for all that He is doing through this conference; however, we have great opportunity. We rejoice that this year three churches have been organized, and three churches have been planted.

Organized: **Ebenezer Hispanic** – Morehead City, Pastor Jaime Fuentes; **Fountain of Love** – Smithfield, Pastor Rodolfo Olivo; **New Wine** – Snow Hill, Pastor Marcial Aguillon.

New Plants: **Angier Hispanic** – Pastor Fernanco Angulo; **Tarheel Hispanic** – Pastor Francisco Concepcion; **Raeford** – Pastor Rick Taylor.

In October two new churches will have their first meetings: **Grace Harbor PHC** – Wilmington, (Gabriel Tew); **Jacksonville Hispanic PHC** – Jacksonville (Carlos Carillo).

Hopefully, by the end of the year a new Hispanic church will be started in Williamston as well as new works in Wilson, Verona, Erwin, and a Samoan work in Jacksonville. There is renewed interest in the Outer Banks. Pray with us for that location.

This will be a banner year for new churches. I want to challenge pastors and churches to pray that God will call and raise up pastors out of our congregations and that pastors will mentor and release them to work and to plant new churches. God is at work! Let's move with God as He gives revival in our conference. Next month I will tell you more about the Judean Project. This will be a tremendous opportunity for local churches to join directly in what God is doing.

Mexicali Mission Trip

Plans are now being made for the Mexicali trip **(February 19-28, 2003)** to finish the church project in memory of Rick Hurst. If you would like to have information on this project to go as a member of the building team, or if your church wants to be a part of this in giving, please contact the North Carolina Evangelism/World Missions Ministries, P.O. Box 123, Falcon, NC 28342, E-mail, NJDRN@aol.com.

On an added note, plans are being laid to have two or three missions trips next year (2003) to Africa and Latin America. Several churches have expressed interest in these trips. The plan is to coordinate the trips between two or three churches. There is a great and growing need on several fields for church planting, church building, evangelism, and humanitarian and medical assistance. Will you and your church be a part? If you so desire, please contact us for the information needed.

I cannot praise God enough and say thank you enough to every pastor and church family for your continued and faithful support through prayer, correspondence, and finances for World Missions Ministry. As of this article, we have two new missionary families in Falcon. Al and Coli Argo and sons Chandler and Alex are preparing to go for their first term to Southeast Asia to serve in a Bible school setting. Steve and Dawn Harper are preparing to go for their first term to Germany. It is exciting as I see God raising up and equipping reapers to enter the harvest. I encourage you, pastor, to have these missionaries in your congregation to give you a glimpse of their heart and vision for missions. Al Argo can be reached at 910-980-2108, and Steve Harper can be reached at 910-980-1419. We have three first-time missionaries residing in our conference apartments. The Argos, the Harpers, along with Andy and Robyn Davidson (910-592-1372) with sons Tyce and Noah give us a great missionary contingent.

Thank you for your faithful monthly giving. This is vital and is the backbone of IPHC missions ministry. In People to People giving, we are on target to surpass our goal of $130,000 for the year, and in Global Outreach (G.O.) effort, we could very well by December 1 reach our goal of $265,000. We are presently at $260,254.

You still have time to receive an offering for Global Outreach. By the time you receive this edition, we will have probably completed our annual F.E.S.T.s, October 17, 18 and 19. God has truly given us a great lineup for the three meetings. Pastors, you need to mark on your calendar the weeks of January 27 – February 5, 2003. These are the missions meals, and our guest speakers will be Rick Brewster and Bruce Martin. Everything we do in World Missions is An Investment in Eternity.

Foundation of Mexicali Church

Present structure of Mexicali church

Proposed structure of Mexicali church

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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PRIME MINISTRIES

by T. Gregory Long

I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the confidence which the conference body placed in me as you elected me to the Church Educational Ministries Board. It has already been a challenge but yet an honor to represent you as we plan and think strategies which will in the end disciple the members of the North Carolina Conference.

Our director, Rev. Charles Boyd, has assigned me to the portfolio of Prime Ministries. Prime Ministries is the umbrella under which the following ministries are placed: ***College and Career, Singles,*** and ***PrimeTimers*** (Senior Citizen Ministry). In fact, as I write this article, I am anticipating a great time with the ***PrimeTimers***, who will be traveling to Pennsylvania during the month of October. It is my desire to provide helpful information and support to each of our local churches as we reach out to each of these "prime aged" groups of believers.

I will be developing a newsletter quarterly that will consist of special announcements, articles, and ideas. This newsletter will be made available to all pastors and church leaders. If you would like to receive this newsletter, please email me at **glong3@nc.rr.com**. If you do not have email access, please write me at: 812 E. 5th Street Lumberton, NC 28358.

For the sake of emphasis, I would like to discuss the ministry of College and Career:

I would like to pose some questions to the church leaders for your consideration:

1. Are you losing your young people after high school?
2. Does it seem that your young people struggle from a lack of vision and purpose?
3. Do you wonder how to motivate them to make a difference in their generation?
4. How are you equipping your young adults for life and preparing them to lead the church, government, and economy of the future?

For the past sixteen years I have served in the capacity of senior pastor. Without exception, every year I have experienced a loss of attendance among the **College and Career** members ages 19-25. In many cases this is due to their relocating out of town to college. However, I have also seen that many of this age group simply exit the church because they really have no place in the body. They are already in an emotional struggle as they leave the ranks of being a teenager and now are considered an adult. They are a unique group of people. They need a place in the church to exercise their spiritual gifts. These dear people need to stay in your church.

Every local church needs to create a community of young adults dedicated to following Christ by developing their minds and strengthening their character, and disciple them as they completely surrender their lives to His service.

I would suggest that each local church appoint a College and Career Ministry Coordinator. I would like to see each church have a coordinator along with a support team that will develop an effective ministry. Begin immediately! Create a mission, address the needs, and form a strategy. You will be well on your way!

I would like to add that you could apply these same organizational principles to the ministries of **Singles** and **PrimeTimers.** Let's get busy and become a holistic body of believers and minister to the believers of Prime Ages! Send me your ideas and success stories! I would love to share them in the newsletter!

FIRE & ICE
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is coming up!

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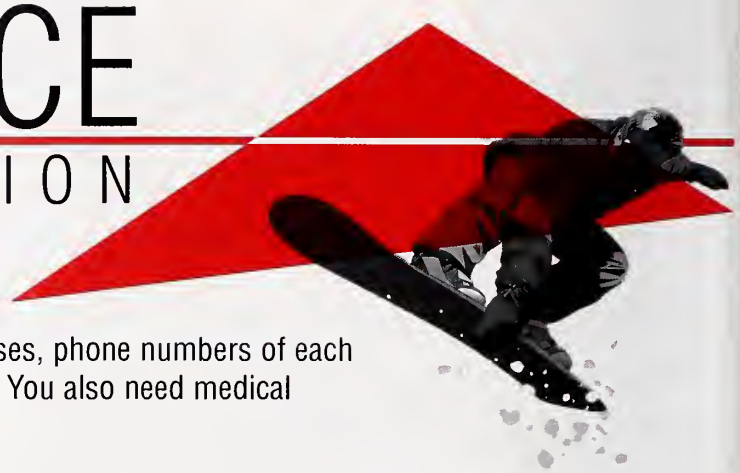

PLEASE NOTE
If registering as a group, please include names, addresses, phone numbers of each individual as well as registration breakdown and skiers. You also need medical release forms for your own benefit.

FIRE & ICE REGISTRATION FORM, January 23-26, 2003. No refunds after December 15, 2002.

Church _____

Conference _____ Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

By November 15, 2002

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Snowboarders call for special instructions/prices.

Total amount enclosed _____

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P.O. Drawer 1689
Lake City, SC 29560

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Happy THANKSGIVING

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Pastoral Changes Within the North Carolina Conference

The last decade has brought many changes in the placement of pastors in churches. Many preachers and church leaders have not fully understood this new day. The result is confusion, frustration, and, in some exceptional cases, the wrong pastor going to a church.

Here are some basic facts to consider. Since becoming superintendent in January 2001, I have made 64 appointments. The average time a church went without a pastor was eleven weeks (the day former pastor left to the day a new pastor arrived). Four churches have changed pastors more than one time. When a pastor left a church suddenly (vote or resignation), he was out of a church for an average of more than six months. Some have gone well over a year before they accepted another pastorate.

There are three avenues or tracts in getting another pastor. This decision is made in a joint meeting with the superintendent and church board.

Tract I means the superintendent, conference board, and church board appoint a pastor. This is after interviews, trial sermons, etc.

Tract II means the superintendent, conference board, and church board agree on possible candidates. Interviews and trial sermons occur. Finally **one name** is offered to the church for a vote.

Tract III is the same as Tract II with the exception that others are added to the church board to form a pulpit committee.

In working with candidates, only the superintendent "calls." The superintendent and church board work together in total confidentiality. The church is not involved, except by intercession, until trial sermons are heard. In order to protect the integrity of the system and to protect the candidates involved, there must be total confidentiality.

If a vote ultimately occurs, the Manual is specific as to procedures to follow. Should a candidate get 67%, he may accept the church as he desires. If the vote is between 50% and 67%, the conference board makes the final decision, assuming the candidate desires to go. If the vote is less than 50%, the process continues to the next candidate.

When a vote occurs, an executive from the conference office or conference board member goes to take the vote. By state code everyone who is a member is allowed to vote. The Manual allows only those who are sixteen to vote. A member then qualifies his vote "to count" by marking on the ballot his faithful attendance and faithful tithing for the last six months. New members who join would be faithful from the time of their joining to the vote. Absentee ballots are allowed.

Many ask why it takes so long to get a pastor in this new system. There are several reasons. Many churches do not want to move quickly. They desire to go for some time without a pastor. (This is usually not good for the church). It takes time to get board members and preachers together. Schedules are unbelievable. Then after an interview, a current pastor must work into a time to preach a trial sermon. This could take two or more weeks. Then once a decision is made to vote, the church must be given sufficient notice.

Most churches do choose the Tract II approach. Quite honestly, Tract I works better for the smaller church. It certainly is faster. Most church members prefer Tract II. In fact, most church members not only wish to vote, but wish the board to discuss openly with them who the candidates are. This cannot be allowed. Lives are involved. Ministries are at stake. Souls are hanging in the balance.

What is the biggest problem in this system? The answer is voting and what happens before a vote. Many times preachers and members cannot leave it to prayer and meditation. Phone calls and "meetings" are held. When this happens, it becomes more difficult to find God's will. When people pray and seek the Lord, God's will is done.

Does God use this system? Yes. Is this a perfect system? Certainly not! No system of man is! Is there a system more godly? Who knows? This we do know. This is the system we have. It can work! It has worked well in many situations. The real key is in following the procedures and earnestly praying and seeking the Lord. I really believe the Lord can and will use any biblically based system when men seek Him!

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Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

Conformed to His Image

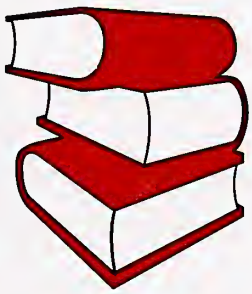
by Kenneth Boa.
Grand Rapids:
Zondervan Publishing, 2001.
543 pages.

Of all the book reviews presented since I began doing this for the *Evangel* a few years ago, this publication excites me more than any other book I have had the privilege of reviewing. It serves as an unbelievable resource for minister and layperson alike concerning one of the most important subjects about Christian living. It provides more information about spirituality than any other book I have ever perused. *Conformed to His Image* would make an excellent source for a sermon series or a Sunday school course presenting biblical and practical approaches to spiritual formation.

Organized around twelve spiritual facets, Boa offers a holistic, very practical approach to spiritual formation based on scriptural principles and a theistic worldview, strongly advocating that our presuppositions shape our perspective, our perspective shapes our priorities, and our priorities shape our practice. In fact, a Christian's practice reveals his or her priorities. What we do and think regularly reveals our key interests in life.

Is it not true that people conform to what they most love and admire? No wonder pastors constantly struggle in cultivating true sprituality among their people. We must take into account the competing forces. Spiritual formation is a lifelong endeavor, and success must be viewed in the grand scheme of things rather than along the lines of immediate gratification. People tend to change slowly, and it seems at times that they change even slower when it comes to imitating the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. Most believers live on the level of secondhand rather than firsthand experience of the Lord Jesus. Church, for some, is more important than Christ. Fellowship around the table is more inviting than fellowship around the Throne. This is why it is important to remember that cultivating requires more time than reaping.

The Great Commission includes making disciples. We can make an inference, based on the Matthew 28 passage, that in the process of making disciples, those disciples should become reproducing disciples. The greatest good for the sinner is to be delivered from the power of darkness. The greatest good for the Christian is to mature into Christlikeness through growing conformity to His image. Mature disciples understand and practice this principle. They care for the lost and dying, and seek to transform themselves to become more and more like Jesus. They strive to grow in the knowledge of Christ and to make Him known to others.



It is with great pleasure that I commend this book to every brother and sister in the Lord. You will not be disappointed. Happy Reading!

Taylor's Chapel

On Sunday August 4, 2002, Taylor's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church honored Pastor Ruben Batchelor with an all-day celebration.

We celebrated our Pastor Ruben Batchelor with Pastor Appreciation Sunday, honoring his 30 years of pastoring at Taylor's Chapel Holiness Church. We also celebrated Bro. Ruben's retirement from pastoral work.

We began our morning service at 10 a.m. with a singing group from Wallace, N.C., called In His Will. Bro. Daniel Moss brought the morning message.

After the morning service, we ate lunch in the church fellowship hall. We continued with an afternoon service. We presented gifts and roasted both Bro. and Sis. Batchelor. We worshiped with music sung by the gospel group Gospel Inspiration. Supt. Chris Thompson brought the afternoon message. Bro. and Sis. Ruben Batchelor thanked everyone for the love and kindness that was and has been shown to them. It was a wonderful day. Their last day at our church and in pastoral work was August 27, 2002. They have decided to serve in evangelistic work for the Lord. Sis. Marie Batchelor has a beautiful singing ministry.

If you would like to have them come to your church to minister in song and from the word of God, they can be reached at 252-443-6253, or write:

Reverend Ruben and Marie Batchelor
3360 Batchelor Rd.
Nashville, NC 27856

Superannuated Birthdays for November

Rev. Mrs. Sue Parker
November 13

Rev. W.O. Foreman
November 26

Rev. Kenneth Autry
November 26

Rev. Wiley Vick
November 29

Spring Fling

The Jacksonville Pentecostal Holiness Church recently participated in a Sunday school promotional "Spring Fling" from Easter Sunday morning to the last Sunday in April. Our classes were divided into two teams (Red Team: Senior Adults, Teens, and Middlers; and Blue Team: Young Adults, Juniors, and Pre-School). Each team competed by earning points for Sunday school attendance, visitors, and decorating classroom doors. It was a close race from start to finish, but the Blue Team finally won by just a few points.

The final Spring Fling celebration was on May 11 with a yummy cookout including delicious desserts and goodies from the runner-up Red Team. Thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings and new Sunday school members!

Gary Marshburn, *Sunday School Supt.*
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North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

November

Patsy's Paragraphs

According to tradition, the English Pilgrims who had founded the Plymouth Colony celebrated the first American Thanksgiving in 1621. When we think about Thanksgiving, we focus on friends, family, and a large feast. Most meals consist of turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, squash, corn, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie. Sounds good, doesn't it?

As I think about this beautiful season of the year, my thoughts go to the many blessings of the Lord. We are a blessed people! As Christians, we should be expressing our praise to God for all He has done for us. He is the Sustainer of life. He is the One that gives us breath in our bodies. He is the One that made salvation possible for us. Everything is all about Him!

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." (James 1:17)

Think on these things:

- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of the world.
- If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.
- If you can hold someone's hand, give them a hug or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.

Have a great Thanksgiving, count your blessings, and be a blessing to someone in need.

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Note: The email address for Patsy in last month's *Evangel* was printed incorrectly. The correct address is hapyface@mail.clis.com.

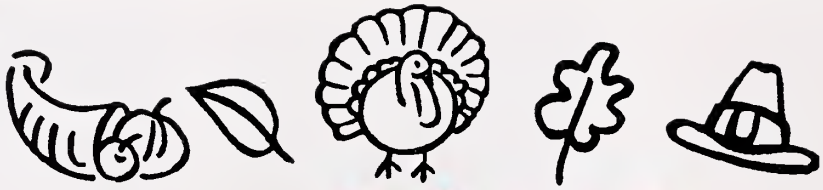
DISTRICT DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHT

Rose Hubbard is our Williamston W. M. district director. Rose teaches third grade at Emmanuel Christian School in Washington. She and her husband, Rev. Oris Hubbard, pastor the Roper Pentecostal Holiness Church in Roper. They have two children: Ashley, sixteen, and Spencer, thirteen. You can reach Rose by calling 252-793-4643. Her mailing address is P.O. Box 116, Roper, NC 27970.

Sweet Potato Pie

1 (16 oz.) can sweet potatoes, drained and mashed
1/2 c. brown sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ginger
1 c. half & half
1 unbaked pie shell (9 inch)
3 eggs, beaten

Combine all ingredients and pour into shell. Bake at 425 for 15 minutes. Reduce heat and bake 40 minutes or until knife comes out clean. Cool.



A Special Thanks to:

These faithful women of God, who are dedicated to serving the North Carolina Women's Ministries. We are blessed!

NCWM board members holding their first meeting on Saturday, June 29, 2002, at Heritage Pentecostal Church Fellowship Hall in New Bern. Special thanks to Rev. Rudolph Britt for allowing us to use their facilities.

Newly appointed NCWM district directors gathered at the Hilton in Wilmington on Saturday, August 10, 2002, for training. Pictured are NCWM Board Members Terry Boyette, Marjorie Teachey, and Janice Marshburn; District Directors Carol Davis, Yvonne Jones, and Jackie Jones. (Others present were Gale Taylor, Anne Willis, Darnell Nelms, Jackie Thompson, and Kathy Duszynski.

Newly appointed Girls' Ministries Leadership Team meeting on Saturday, August 24, 2002, at St. John's Pentecostal Church for training. Pictured are Nancy Roberson, assistant coordinator; Bobbi McNeese, NC conference coordinator; and Mary Clark, secretary/treasurer.

Girls' Ministries Day at Holly Hill

Jesus will color your life was the theme for the Girls' Ministries Day program at Holly Hill in Vanceboro. The church was decorated with colorful banners and balloons.

Each color represented a spiritual principle and was illustrated by a large crayon replica. As the Missionettes described each principle, their color crayon was placed on the focus board.

At the close of the program, each person in church was given a color box with the primary colors of jellybeans in it. The box is to be used as a prayer focus. All the children present were given a box of crayons with the principles illustrated attached.

Awards were presented, and several Missionettes were promoted to the next level club. Girls' Ministries is a great outreach ministry. Every church should have it.

Sandra McCandless, club sponsor for Girls' Only, poses with Jessica Barrow, Emily Jamieson, and Cody King following the Girls' Ministries Day program at Holly Hill.

Missionettes smile after a wonderful celebration on Girls' Ministries Day at Holly Hill.

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Soldiering for the Lord

I am a soldier in the army of my God. The Lord Jesus Christ is my commanding officer. The Holy Bible is my code of conduct. Faith, prayer, and the Word are my weapons of warfare. I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience, tried by adversity, and tested by fire. I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity. I will either retire in this army at the Rapture, or die in this army; but I will not get out, sell out, be talked out, or pushed out. I am faithful, reliable, capable, and dependable. If my God needs me, I am there. If He needs me in Sunday school, to teach the children, work with the youth, help adults, or just sit and learn, He can use me because I am there!

I am a soldier. I am not a baby. I do not need to be pampered, petted, primed up, picked up, or pepped up. No one has to call me, remind me, write me, visit me, entice me, or lure me.

I am a soldier. I am not a wimp. I am in place, saluting my King, obeying His orders, praising His name, and building His kingdom! No one has to send me flowers, gifts, food, cards, candy, or give me handouts. I do not need to be cuddled, cradled, cared for, or catered to. I am committed.

I am a soldier. I cannot have my feelings hurt badly enough to turn me around. I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside. I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit. When Jesus called me into this army, I had nothing. If I end up with nothing, I will still come out ahead. I will win. My God has supplied and will continue to supply all my needs.

I am a soldier. I am more than a conqueror. I will always triumph. I can do all things through Christ. Devils cannot defeat me. People cannot disillusion me. Weather cannot weary me. Sickness cannot stop me. Battles cannot beat me. Money cannot buy me. Governments cannot silence me, and hell cannot handle me.

I am a soldier. Even death cannot destroy me. For when my Commander calls me from this battlefield, He will promote me to captain and then allow me to rule with Him. I am a soldier in the army, and I'm marching, claiming victory. I will not give up. I will not turn around. I am a soldier marching heaven's ground.

Here I stand. Will you stand with me? Guess what? If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior and been baptized for the remission of sins, you're already enlisted.

Question is, what is your military status? ARE YOU:

1. **Active duty?** (Serving the Lord faithfully, daily, and on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.)

2. **Reserve?** (Serving only when called upon once or twice a year, i.e., Christmas and Easter.)

3. **Guard?** (Backing up the Active duty group.)

4. **AWOL?** (Absent Without the Lord.)

Think about it!

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Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Adoration **C**onfession **T**hanksgiving **S**upplication

During times of prayer, have you found out that almost immediately, your prayers of ADORATION were displaced by THANKSGIVING for things God had done? There was hardly any time spent delighting in who God is, no expressions of love for Him, and little praise for His character. We get so focused on His actions that we fail to worship and adore His person.

Praise and adoration are powerful weapons of warfare. Adoration comes from a deeper level of intimacy than thankfulness. As a spouse, I get more pleasure from my husband's saying, "Lydia, I love you," than from his saying, "Thanks for doing the cooking." While I enjoy the pat on the back for what I do, it is much more meaningful when I know I am simply appreciated, accepted, and loved for who I am.

The psalmists recognized this truth. While there are plenty of lines of thanksgiving within the Psalms, adoration seems to take center stage:

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name. (103:1)

The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength
The world is firmly established;
It cannot be moved.
Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity. (93:1-2)

Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth bows down to you:
they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name." (66:1-4)

It is important to differentiate between PRAYERS OF ADORATION and THANKSGIVING. Both of them should be part of one's prayer life.

The Importance of Adoration

First, it puts things into perspective.

Our faith in God's abilities to do what's best for us rises when we praise Him.

We can see in Acts 4:24-30 Peter and John followed the pattern of starting with adoration and praise. It was almost as if the prayer was reminding God of who He is.

When we recognize who He is, our problems and needs reduce in importance.

Adoration and praise develop within us a deeper sense of intimacy. Read Psalm 22:3.

Finally, adoration and praise are powerful spiritual warfare weapons.

When we worship God, Satan runs (Psalm 8:2 & 149:6-9).

When we praise God, the enemy is silenced!

2 Chronicles 20 contains an amazing story of the power of praise. King Jehoshaphat sent the singers in front of his armies and did not even have to fight. Victory was theirs.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever" (2 Chron. 20:22).

What About Thanksgiving?

You also need to remind yourself continually of what God has done for you.

Luke 17 recounts the story of Jesus healing ten lepers, only one of whom came back and thanked Jesus for what He had done. It made quite an impression on Jesus (verses 15-19).

Thanking God for what He has done in our lives brings Him glory. Offering thanks does two other things as well. First, it builds our faith. Second, being thankful removes pride and replaces it with humility.

Adoration and Thanksgiving are two powerful aspects of prayer. Don't neglect them!

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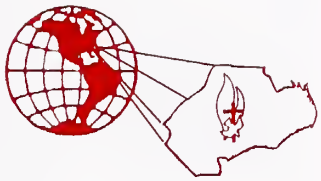
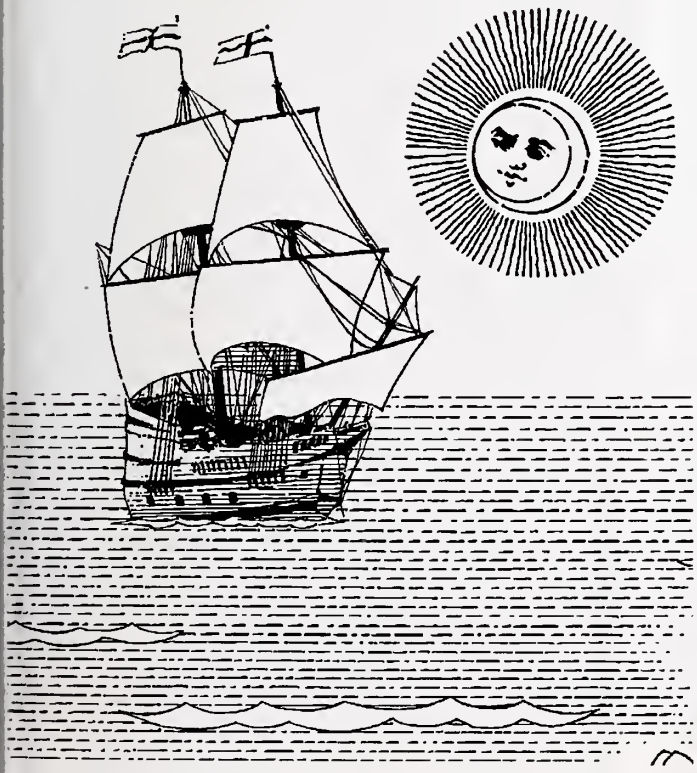


J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Very often, as people approach the end of the year, especially those in America, a serious failure glaringly takes place. In a nation that is becoming increasingly materialistic, Christmas and all that surrounds it takes center stage. In fact, as early as September, retail stores begin to inundate their customers with an advertising blitz designed to top last year's celebration and to spend more money. In the meantime, we forget and largely pass over that event in November called Thanksgiving. This month I just want to take the time and reminisce over a few things to be thankful for. Though no one event in scripture designates a thanks-giving day, the general attitude of a believer should be one of thankfulness, that every day should be a day of thankfulness. A day of Thanksgiving was first proclaimed by our first President; however, even in the infant days of our country, our forefathers set aside a special day of thankfulness.



First National Thanksgiving Proclamation

"Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; Whereas, both the houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me 'to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness!' Now therefore, I do recommend next, to be devoted by the people of the states to the service of that great and glorious being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be, that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country."

George Washington, 1789

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There are many references that could be used; however, I'll just refer to one, in Psalm 95:1-3 – *"Let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song."*

I am thankful and give praise to God for His Son, Jesus. For simply the privilege to be alive, to be blessed abundantly, and most of all to have experienced and to be experiencing the gift of salvation and everlasting life. In a materialistic age, I pause and give thanks to the God of my salvation. Included in salvation's plan and work are extra and added benefits; for His sanctifying work, I give Him praise; for the great and continuing work of the fullness of the Holy Spirit, I give Him praise.

I am thankful and give praise to God for the love of my life, my wife and closest friend on this earth, Rose. She indeed is my better half; she has always stood beside me and continues to do so. She is my greatest supporter, and that means so much. I also praise God for the two best children on earth, of whom I am extremely proud: Nicole, James, and my son-in-law (son) John. To be able to say that your family knows and serves God really says it all.

I am thankful for a godly heritage: parents who loved and served God and who made sure that I had every possibility to do the same. I am thankful for my sisters, nephews, nieces, etc., who have made great contributions to my life.

I am thankful that God in His sovereignty called me into the ministry. I will never see or understand just why; however, as positive as I am of the work of salvation in my life I am positive that on Thursday morning of youth camp 36 years ago, He spoke to my heart, and my life has never been the same. I am thankful for the Pentecostal Holiness Church; it is all I've ever known as far as a denominational attachment is concerned, and yet I am thankful for the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ that far exceeds the IPHC.

It is such a privilege to work with the people of the N.C. Conference in Evangelism and World Missions. I am thankful for my general church leadership and for my conference leadership. I am thankful for the N.C. Conference Evangelism board, a group of brethren with a heart for ministry. I am thankful for the 13 district units, brethren who also have a heart for the Kingdom and its expansion; for our Hispanic ministry I praise God, and for those who lead that ministry. God is truly up to something in the IPHC and the N.C. Conference. Sure, I look for and bless the coming of our Lord, yet while I wait, there is an abundant, ripened harvest (His harvest) to reap. Though as a conference and denomination we can praise Him for what's been done, we've only scratched the surface. We thank God for the news of churches breaking barriers, churches being revitalized, and new churches being planted and organized, yet I believe this is in response to truly thankful hearts. Let's continue to do so. Even this morning as I prepare this article, I have received personal reports of how God is saving and changing lives among Turkish people in Turkey and in London, and how souls are being harvested for Christ in Western Europe.

I consider it a privilege to have grown up on a farm and to see my father and mother involved in reaping the yearly harvest; however, as one year's harvest would come to an end, and as they were thankful for that year's harvest, plans were already in the works for the next year: what could be planted, how more could be accomplished, and how to incorporate new techniques to improve on the seeding and harvest. This year will prove to be a great year in Evangelism and World Missions, yet we can through Christ reap an even greater harvest in 2003. I am thankful, and I praise God for what He is doing; however, I am excited as I stand at the threshold of 2003. Let's take the time to be truly thankful for the things that really matter and are of eternal consequence. Thank you for your support and for your continued faithfulness.

Remember that everything we do in His service is "An Investment in Eternity."

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

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Bible and Talent Quest 2003

What a wonderful privilege it is to be part of a church that encourages their youth to develop their God-given talents and use them for the glory of the Lord. Talents are diverse among God's people, as diverse as the people to whom He gave them. As conference Bible and Talent Quest director, I would like to encourage you to get your young people involved in the Bible and Talent Quest programs. To help you do that, I want to bring you up to date on what lies ahead in the coming months for Bible and Talent Quest in the North Carolina Conference.

First of all, all Bible Quest teams who plan to participate in Bible Quest for 2003 need to complete a Bible Quest Official Registration Form and return it, with the $22.00 entry fee, to the N.C. Conference CEM Office (P.O. Box 60, Falcon, NC 28342). There is an official registration form located on page 47 of the new National Bible Quest Guidelines. In addition, all participating Bible Quest teams should plan to meet in Falcon on Saturday, November 9, at 9:30 a.m. for a practice tournament. There will be a small fee of $10.00 per team for the practice tournament.

As many of you already know, the course of study for Bible Quest this year is the Gospel of John. All study materials, and the new National Guidelines are available through LifeSprings Resources and are completely duplicatable. The number to LifeSprings is 1-800-541-1376.

Talent Quest will be in full swing very soon if not already at your church. We are looking forward to a great year of talent and ministry from our youth around the conference. Again, please be aware that the NEW GUIDELINES for 2003-2004 are now available from LifeSprings. There are a number of changes in the Talent Quest rules, and all local Talent Quest coordinators should know them and plan accordingly. Some of these changes are listed below:

- Individuals may compete in a maximurn of five (5) categories, excluding 3.3 Choir.
- In Category IV – Instrumental Solo (Non-Keyboard) the string division has been divided into two parts. Division 2 – Strings, Bowed, and Division 3 – Strings, Plucked.
- Some new divisions include, Category VII – Communication Arts, Division 2 – Short Sermon, and Category VIII – Creative Arts, Division 6 – Graphic Design, and Division 7 – Website Design.
- Please note that although the new guidelines include a Division 4 in Category IX – Creative Writing, there WILL NOT be a Song Writing Division this year (2003).
- ALL CREATIVE ARTS AND CREATIVE WRITING WILL BE JUDGED ON THE CONFERENCE LEVEL. However, all Creative Arts and Creative Writing contestants should have their work with them for District Competition. To find out themes for Creative Arts and Creative Writing, be sure to visit our CEM Website at NCCEM.net after November 1.

Following are some very important dates for Talent Quest directors to remember:

February 3	Talent Quest Registration Deadline
February 21	Greenville/Williamston District Talent Rally (7:00 p.m.)
February 22	Goldsboro/Clinton District Talent Rally (9:00 a.m.)
	Wilmington/Lumberton District Talent Rally (9:00 a.m.)
March 7	New Bern/Morehead District Talent Rally (7:00 p.m.)
March 8	Fayetteville/Raleigh District Talent Rally (9:00 a.m.)
	Wilson/Rocky Mount District Talent Rally (9:00 a.m.)
April 5	Conference Talent Finals Juniors and Teens (Drama, Creative Arts, Creative Writing) (9:00 a.m. – Competition Begins)
April 12	Conference Talent Finals Juniors and Teens (Music) (9:00 a.m. – Competition)

Please notice that the districts have been divided into *talent zones* for competition this year. Each zone consists of two districts. Entries from all participating churches in the two districts will compete together, and *one winning entry per division* will be selected to represent the *zone* on the conference level of competition.

2003 promises to be one of our greatest years ever in Bible and Talent Quest. With all of the participation and practice that go into both of these ministries, let us all take the time to saturate our efforts with prayer. Should you have any questions concerning Bible or Talent Quest, please feel free to call me at (910) 483-2916, (910) 865-4884, or send an email to WHughes887@aol.com.

Leadership is Everyone's Business

Clearly, leadership is an issue that affects all of us. Not only are we impacted by it, but also, we are all called upon to exercise it. Whether we are called upon to be involved in leading government or business, guiding young minds, leading a family, standing for what is right, or organizing a dinner, a carpool, or a household, everyone has a leadership role to play. We are each thrust into many different leadership roles again and again throughout our lives. We are each called upon to be custodians of what is right and good, lasting and of value, for those in our care.

Surprisingly, this idea of custodianship even runs through the writings of the Renaissance writer often thought to be one of the most cynical yet most observant political thinkers of all time, Niccoló Machiavelli. Machiavelli insisted that leadership was virtuous only if the good of the community was sought out and achieved above all else. A good leader, in other words, was a steward of the community.

When we are called upon to lead, what kind of custodian we will be depends greatly on what we understand a custodian to be, on how we think about other people, and on how we determine what is right and worth holding in trust.

The word *custodian* as we are applying it here is the same as the word *steward* that we find in the pages of the Bible and used throughout history. A custodian or steward performs the task of watching over that which is placed in his or her trust by the one who owns it or those who will benefit from it. It is a service performed for others. It is not about ownership or control. It is not a technique. It is who the leader is. It is an attitude, a state of being, and a way of looking at the world. But it is not the passive, hands-off leadership that some have attributed to this way of thinking. It is a component of leadership that leaders were not intended to function without.

This article was adapted from *Vision – A Journal for a New World,* 2000.

Dates to Remember & Deadlines Not to Forget!

- Early registration for Fire & Ice is November 15 & final payment is December 15.
- National Marriage Retreat – Greensboro, January 10-11, 2003.
- Fire & Ice Retreat – January 23-26, 2003.
- Royal Rangers National Council – January 30, 2003 – February 1, 2003.
- Ranger of the Year deadline is February 15, 2003.
- Talent Quest registration deadline is February 3, 2003.

CEM Convention "Bridging the Gap" is February 28, 2003 – March 1, 2003.

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Happy Birthday, Jesus!

From the Superintendent

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Go to the Top!

In the book *Prayer – Life's Limitless Reach,* Jack P. Taylor speaks of the power of prayer as a absolute necessity for the Christian. Man's faculties are limited – extensive, but limited. It is absolutely amazing to think of all the improvements and strides of science in the last few years. The advancements are astounding: computers, cell phones, etc. Yet the world continues to worsen and fall apart.

"But there is a limitless reach that has been given man. It is as infinite as God, for it links human life to God. It is limitless in space, touching three worlds. It touches heaven, earth, and hell simultaneously and instantaneously. It touches God as no other endeavor. *It is prayer!*"

The Lord has blessed the North Carolina Conference in 2002. Many new churches have been planted. Revival has been experienced in many places. Many records have been broken: financial, attendance, etc. A higher percentage of funds is remaining with the Conference. Yet funds to the Conference and General Church have increased. Praise the Lord! The Lord is at work in our midst. The work is not finished. It has only just begun!

The first Christmas was a time when all the miracles of the Old Testament came to focus in the birth of Christ. God sent forth His son, born of a woman, to redeem the lost (Galatians 4). It was a time of a fresh anointing. It was a day of new miracles. It was His time. The world would forever focus on Him!

In 2003 the North Carolina Conference is recognizing Him! That is our theme. "For of him and through him and to him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen" (Romans 11:36). "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him..." (Hebrews 12:2-3).

As we consider Him, consider His words to the nation of Israel in Jeremiah 33:3. The words were given in a context of restoration and revival. "Call unto me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things which you know not."

This verse is the Lord's strategy and has His tactics for success. Notice the Lord says, "Call unto me": prayer is His idea and His demand. The procedure is simple. Everyone can pray. You do not even have to speak to pray. We can *go to the top*!

There is no red tape. There is not a long progression of intermediaries. We can move and step right to the top. Talk to the King! Praying takes one immediately into the realm of a limitless existence.

Observe the dynamic: "and I will answer." He is God Jehovah. He instantly is awake and acting on behalf of His children. He is a God of activity. When God says, "I will," He will! He might say yes. He might say no, or He might say wait, but He will answer.

Christian men and women struggle with defeat. It is so easy to accept status quo living or to drift into nay-saying and finding fault. Why not *go to the top* and find another level of living? Such an experience is available to the individual and to the church.

Jeremiah also reports that He will "show great and mighty things, which you know not." Who can assess the magnitude of these dimensions? Man would make God a prisoner in His own universe, disallowing Him the prerogative of doing anything outside the boundaries of certain laws or traditions.

He is not like a mainspring shut within His own works. He is not a locomotive keeping to a rigid and appointed iron track, helpless otherwise. He has plans for us, plans that we cannot even imagine nor comprehend. But we must pray. We must *go to the top*. We must work and believe. Prayer opens the door into dimensions beyond understanding. This is a level of His blessings beyond the explainable.

Nothing lies beyond the reach of believing prayer. For years Israel prayed for a messiah. He came! Past, present, future, time, and space – nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer. The early church exerted the privilege of prayer. The church of today is in danger of deserting prayer. With all available technology, inventions, and innovations, it is time to emphasize, centralize, and prioritize prayer. It is time to *go to the top*. To be successful in 2003, the journey must be made.

Special note: Join with the conference office in a special day of prayer and fasting on January 8. More information is forthcoming.

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Rev. Betty Ethel Glover Bailey
1920-2002

Rev. Mrs. Ethel Bailey was born in Johnston County on October 29, 1920, to Wilson and Lillie Roberts Glover. She was one of ten children. She married Roland Wilton Bailey in 1937. Four children were born to this union. Two of their children, Roland Randolph Bailey and Wilton Junior Bailey, preceded their mother in death. Larry Wayne Bailey presently resides in Pikeville, N.C. Her daughter, Betty Faye Schulte, lives with her husband Carroll in Greensboro, N.C. On October 10, 2002, while a patient in Wayne Memorial Hospital, Betty Ethel Glover Bailey died but now lives on in the eternity that she told so many others about.

Rev. Mrs. Bailey came to know the Lord in a cottage prayer meeting in 1929. She received her mission worker license on June 14, 1955, and was licensed to preach on June 6, 1958. Both these credentials were earned in the Western North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, now called Cornerstone Conference. In 1959 she transferred to the North Carolina Conference.

While a member of the North Carolina Conference, she pastored four different churches. These were Deaver's Chapel – 1959-1961, Black Creek – 1961-1962, Middlesex – 1962-1976 and 1980-1990, and Airboro – 1976-79. All totaled, she pastored over 31 years. In her later years, she founded Pine Valley Holiness Church.

Sister Bailey loved people and spent many joyous hours in gardening or going fishing. Her life was devoted to her family and the Lord, especially in the ministry to which she felt so dedicated. She was a special lady, loved by all who knew her. In a time when women preachers were not readily accepted, she not only preached but pastored. She made a difference!

Her funeral was held October 12, 2002, 2:00 p.m., at the Shumate Faulk Funeral Home near Goldsboro. She was laid to rest in Wayne Memorial Park.

Pastor James Earl Herring and Superintendent D. Chris Thompson officiated at the service. It was a special time with the Lord's warmth and blessing. May the Lord give us more men and women like Ethel Bailey. She knew what personal, sacrificial ministry was all about.

D. Chris Thompson, Superintendent

Mrs. Deles "Dell" Harris Pollard

Mrs. Deles "Dell" Harris Pollard, 74, of 68 Elarce Drive, Pembroke, died Saturday, September 28, 2002, at Sunbridge Nursing Home in Pembroke.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Johnnie Pollard of the home; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Pollard of Fairmont and Alice Faye Pollard Cree of Denver, Colorado; and one son, J. Michael Pollard of Sulfolk, Virginia; a sister, Lillie Bell Ross of Greenville, North Carolina; two grandchildren, Kimberly Cosentino of Buffalo, New York, and James Cree IV of Denver, Colorado; two great-granddaughters; and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 1 at the Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church, Pembroke, N.C. Rev. Tim Creel, former pastor; Rev. LaMarr Jackson, present pastor; and Chris Thompson, N.C. Conference superintendent, spoke at the funeral. A graveside service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. on October 2 at the Gethsemane Memorial Gardens in Morehead City, where burial occurred.

Sister Pollard was a quiet and unassuming lady. Her love for the Lord was deep, and her commitment strong. She was one special lady in Christ. On December 10, 2002, she and her husband, Rev. Johnnie Pollard, would have been married 59 years.

This lady faithfully served beside her husband in the ministry. Together they ministered and worked in the following churches:

Salter Path	1968 – 1974
Swansboro	1974 – 1978
Beaufort	1978 – 1981
Saint Pauls	1981 – 1982
Mt. Olive, Pembroke	1982 – 1986
Brentwood	1986 – 1990
Missionary	Several years during the 1990s

She will be greatly missed. Our loss is heaven's gain!

D. Chris Thompson, Superintendent

Abbottsburg Church News

Abbottsburg Pentecostal Holiness Church added a new page to its history books on Sunday night, October 6, 2002. For the first time in the church's 100-plus year history, a baptism service was held in the church sanctuary. The church recently purchased a portable baptistry that was christened on Sunday night with eight rededications in the morning worship service. To God Be the Glory!

We also praise the Lord for what has been accomplished over the last five years. The church parsonage was completely renovated and made into a fellowship hall. The church has seen such facelifts as new carpet and seat covering, a sound system, vinyl siding, landscaping and a new roof, just to name a few. With all this accomplished, the church is still debt free! We are thankful for what God is doing at Abbottsburg Pentecostal Holiness Church.

James Hodge, Pastor

Book Review

Pastor/Teacher
Merrill Davis, M.Ed.

The Pornography Trap

by Ralph H. Earle, Jr. and Mark R. Lasser. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2002. 141 pages.

It's a problem and issue we wish would just go away, but wishing of this nature does not intimidate the powerful, menacing evil of pornography. All of us know of someone in the ministry who has been victimized and overcome by this terrible and titanic individual and social crisis. Our hearts break over such news. We ask ourselves, "What is happening to our men and women? What on earth could cause this person to find himself or herself in this terrible situation?" It proves that we never really know what is going on in a person's life, and that all of us are vulnerable. Do you think you stand in this matter? Take heed, lest you fall.

Perhaps the ministry has its own special vulnerability because of the nature of the work. There are so many hurting people and those who have lost an identity that would protect them from such an evil influence as pornography. Vulnerable, desperate people tend to be opportunistic, seeking to take away the pain and feelings of inadequacy and loneliness. Pastors especially are open targets. Theirs is a "people" work, and sometimes people who are looking for help find it in the wrong places and in the wrong way. It could be that the pastor himself is crying on the inside, seeking relief, and finding supposed relief by fantasizing with possibilities and potentialities that are unwholesome, wrong, and sinful.

The authors contend that on the surface pornography and sexual fantasies seem harmless, yet fantasies lead to ritual and can eventually result in actual experimentation and dabbling in confirmed sin. Supposedly harmless sinful activity is very harmful. Deceit is a lie cloaked in apparent truth. Sexual addiction is not misconduct. It is sin.

Superannuated Birthdays for December

- **Rev. Wiley Clark**
  December 15
- **Rev. Raymond Potter**
  December 18
- **Rev. Richard Parson**
  December 24

Why is pornography so prevelant and so seductive? In the beginning stages, it does not require direct contact with a human being. The person can explore and exploit without anyone knowing or finding out. Such is the deceitful and subtle nature of sinning. Sin will always be found out, no matter how private or secretive it may be. No one ever gets by with sin, not even the minister. The minister deceives himself or herself to indulge in pornography. You must be a double-minded person in order to do this kind of thing as a Christian. To compound the problem, pornography is so prevalent today because of the many and varied media. The Internet makes it easy to be involved in pornographic activity. So much literature and so many technological media are available that truly, pornography is a trap found almost anywhere.

The book presents the problem and helps the reader to understand himself or herself in a precarious situation. There are stages of sexual addiction. The authors also, however, present a holistic approach to understanding human sexuality by discussing the behavioral, emotional, physical, relational, and spiritual dimensions of life. This section is very helpful in understanding the self-centered desire and selflessness. While the world makes sex one of the most important features of life, the Word of God indicates that sex is not that important. This is why it is vital constantly and systematically to renew our minds biblically. We must view sex from God's perspective, not the world's perspective. Satan's lie is more and more for less and less. He offers a supposedly ever increasing pleasure with ever diminishing returns. It is a destructive cycle. No one wins by playing Satan's game.

I heartily recommend this publication to every Christian, minister and layperson alike. It is well worth the cost and the time it takes to read it. Buy two, and give one to a friend.

The Incredible Power of Kingdom Authority: Getting an Upper Hand on the Underworld

by Adrian Rogers. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2002. 214 pages.

If you have been preaching for any length of time, you have probably heard of or read the books of Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee. He is undoubtedly one of America's most skilled homileticians. His sermons are often alliterative masterpieces, and practical in every sense of the word. His works find worldwide acceptance by pastors, missionaries, and Christian laymen. You can never go wrong by purchasing the publications of this great Christian leader.

The current publication is no exception. There are thirteen chapters which would make a good Sunday school curriculum for a quarter or a sermon series. Kingdom authority is often misunderstood. C.S. Lewis stated, "There are two equal and opposite dangers. One is to deny the existence of the Devil, and the other is to become preoccupied with him." This is so true. We are not ignorant of his devices. We must know the enemy to be victorious.

Binding Satan has been one of the most perplexing subjects of spiritual warfare. How long does he stay bound when you bind him? Is it possible for enough Christians to bind this great adversary where he can no longer do damage? Satan can be resisted, and his tactics can be rendered harmless by the skilled Christian warrior, but I personally have never been able to bind him, no matter how much I plead. There is deliverance, for sure. He can be resisted, and he will flee. I am glad about that. In spiritual war, there is no substitute for victory. It is victory or nothing at all. There is victory over Satan. In fact, he is already defeated. Jesus took care of that on the Cross.

Rogers states, "Kingdom authority is the God-given mandate of Christians to exercise control over the world in the name of Jesus and under His oversight. We are born to win, not born to lose." This is so true. Spiritual victory is a gift from God. When we place ourselves under authority, we have authority. It is when a person rebels against higher authority that he or she loses authority. Loss of authority in Kingdom work and spiritual warfare can be devastating. We fight an invisible, spiritual, defeated but dangerous foe. The battle is spiritual, and it must be fought spiritually. This is where Kingdom authority comes in. Proper submission brings victory every time. Understanding Kingdom authority comes by first understanding humble, sincere, genuine submission to God, Christ's authority, the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit.

The author contends that Satan doesn't want people to read this book because he hates light. Light dispels darkness. Truth reveals lies. If Satan can keep Christians in the dark about spiritual authority, then it makes his evil work easier. Satan must hate the words "Kingdom authority" and "biblical absolutes." They are the stuff that helps the Christian win. He is a subtle, spiritual, and strong foe. Never underestimate him, but we do not have to fear him. We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

I heartily recommend this book. It is chock full of good stuff. The information is useful, practical, and wholesome. It will do you good. Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

Since my husband and I were married 36 years ago, it has been a tradition in our family to go to "Mama's house" for Christmas. My brothers and sister and their families all join together to spend quality time with one another. After Mama's death in 1994, our lives changed in many ways, and for the first time we had to decide what we would do as a family for Christmas. We've started a new tradition: we all gather at my home on Christmas Day. The outside world stops for a few hours, and we enjoy our time together sharing the blessings of God: talking, laughing, eating, and opening presents. It is wonderful to be together as a family.

In studying the Scriptures, we find a young girl named Mary whose life changed very quickly. Luke 1:38 – "Then Mary said, 'Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed." Mary did not object to the danger of spoiling her marriage or blemishing her reputation, but left the issue with God and submitted to His will.

Women of God, we must, like Mary, guide our desires by the Word of God. When God reveals His plans and purposes for our lives, may we say to Him with joy, "Let it be to me according to Your word!" We have an awesome responsibility as we allow the Lord to use us in our everyday lives.

During this Christmas Season, may you be a blessing to your family and friends, and may the love of Christ shine through you as you allow Him to use you.

Merry Christmas from my family to yours!

"Mrs. Patsy"

Sharing Sisters

The Women's Ministries Sharing Sisters of Grace Family Fellowship of Robersonville and Bethany P.H. Church of Williamston came together on August 10, 2002, to clean a home on Anderson Street for missionaries coming home on furlough from Africa. Not only are these two churches Sharing Sisters; they also share the same missionaries who will be living in the home, Timmy and Gail Bowen and their son, Aaron.

The ladies met in the Family Life Center at Grace Family Fellowship for breakfast, a short devotion, and prayer. As they began to pray for the various needs among themselves and the projects they were undertaking, everyone present experienced a powerful visitation from God. With happy hearts, brooms and mops in hand, they moved to Anderson Street to begin working.

It was a beautiful picture of unity and cooperation to see the ladies of both churches coming together with tools and cleaning supplies with a mind to work for a common cause. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation of the soon arrival of their beloved children coming home. Excitement pitched to an all-time high as walls were scrubbed, windows and blinds cleaned spotless, and kitchen appliances made spic-and-span.

However, they could not call this project complete until all the cabinets were stocked and the refrigerator and freezer filled with all the perishable items a family could need. Finally, furniture was brought in that had been loaned from both churches to give the Bowens all the comforts of home. Truly a project of love!

Sharing Sisters,
Grace Family Fellowship and
Bethany P.H. Church

Holiday Wassail

1/2 c. lemon juice
1 can (6 oz.) frozen orange juice
1 T. allspice
4 sticks cinnamon
1 gallon sweet apple cider
2 quarts water
2 cups sugar

Combine all ingredients and boil fifteen minutes. Remove cinnamon sticks and serve hot!

Leadership Seminar

Shiloh P.H. Church
Wilson, N.C.

January 25, 2003

Prayer in a Basket

We pack fruit baskets, Easter baskets, and picnic baskets. Why not stuff a basket with a week's worth of "prayer" and deliver it to someone needing a lift? A bit of creativity combined with caring words can go a long way toward making someone's day brighter.

Monday

- Write out a prayer for the recipient's work to go well, and for her to sense God's presence throughout the day. Tuck a small amount of money into the prayer card, for the recipient to enjoy a snack at work.

Tuesday

- This day's prayer (written on a card) asks God to provide the recipient with strength, wisdom, and discernment. Tape a Power Bar to the prayer card.

Wednesday

- Copy several encouraging verses and write a prayer asking God to fill the recipient with joy and a sense that the Holy Spirit is blowing like a wind around her. Attach the card to the hand-held fan (available at a dollar store).

Thursday

- Enclose a bookmark with a satin rope tassel and a list of encouraging Bible passages. Ask God to bind the recipient close to His heart.

Friday

- Thank God it's Friday, or simply thank God. Write a prayer thanking the Lord for all the ways the recipient uses her gifts to honor Him and witness to those around her. Toss in a coupon for treats at an ice-cream shop.

Saturday

- Weekends are usually reserved for family. Write out a prayer asking God to keep the recipient's family safe, and draw them to Himself.

Sunday

- A day for worship. Invite your recipient to lunch.

Whatever you place into your prayer basket (or shoe box, tackle box, or other useful container) be prepared to enjoy the blessing God returns to you!

By Rhonda Reed
Excerpts from an article in *Pray!* Magazine

continued from the Conference News section...

New Life P.H. Church News

The New Life Church had Homecoming and Pastor Appreciation Day on October 20.

Brother Rogers was blessed by friends and members of the church pinning money on his shirt. The people of New Life love and appreciate Brother Anthony and Sister Judy for their labors.

On that special Homecoming Day two were saved.

This year five have rededicated their lives to the Lord. Our church membership has grown to 44.

We believe greater things will happen here at New Life P.H. Church. God is blessing New Life.

Feast of Ingathering 2002

Kinston First – September 26, 2002

Total Gifts

$84,420.96

W.M. Workshops at Kinston First and Glad Tidings during Fall District Rallies.

Glad Tidings – September 17, 2002

Missionettes Update

Friday and Saturday, October 25-26, was a busy time as over 100 Girls' Ministries coordinators and sponsors gathered for the MLT in Falcon.

Irvina Parker, IPHC Girls' Ministries coordinator from Oklahoma, led the training sessions. Goldsboro First sponsors led workshops for each Missionettes age group. Brother Danny Marley and several of the men from Culbreth Memorial prepared the meals and the council fire. Reverend Danny Nelson led the devotion and served communion as the group gathered around the campfire.

The new Missionettes leadership team jumped right in to assist in any way possible. A special time of recognition was given to outgoing conference Girls' Ministries Coordinator Sandra Britt and board member Margaret Abbot. We are grateful that the Lord has blessed the North Carolina Conference with so many gifted people. Thank you for all you do to support our Missionettes.

Introducing...

Mary Clark – our Missionettes secretary-treasurer. Mary lives in Falcon with her husband Curt and two children, fourteen-year-old Lauren and seven-year-old Justin. We are excited to have Mary serve on the Girl's Ministries Leadership Team.

Please send your quarterly and annual reports to Mary at P.O. Box 65, Falcon, NC 28342. If you have any questions, you can reach her by calling 910-980-1154.

"Partners in Ministry"

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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What a Weekend!

October 11 and 12 hosted this year's annual Men's Advance. Ready to "fellowship" on the greens, we gathered at Keith Hills Country Club for our golf tournament. Unfortunately, the tournament didn't last too long. When we got to our first hole, the sky opened and the rains came.

Undaunted by the weather, we headed on to Falcon to add the finishing touches before our 7:00 gathering. That evening, once again, the showers came; but this time, they were showers of blessings! The Holy Spirit moved mightily through our song leaders (Brother Errett and Brother Greg) as they led us in praise and worship to God. The men were blessed in such a powerful way! Our hearts and ears were ready as Brother Daniel Beard came to the podium and delivered a stirring message about "Building Bridges."

Then on Saturday morning, we were blessed once again with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Brother Noah on the piano and Brother Dennis on the trumpet triumphantly opened our morning assembly by playing the National Anthem and "God Bless America." A hearty breakfast, served by the Men's Ministries team from Culbreth Memorial, fed our bodies, and then our spirits were ready to be "fed" again!

First, Randy Hardee, N.C. Conference Men's Ministries assistant, spoke to the group with tips and encouragement on how to build and maintain a Men's Ministries group in their church. Brother Paul Rigsby followed, sharing on the importance of prayer. Brothers Ken Turner and Daniel Beard each brought us an anointed, thought-provoking message continuing with the theme "Building Bridges" as the Holy Spirit moved on the hearts of men present in our meeting. I pray as the men left and returned to their homes that they will build bridges through Christ Jesus, our Lord. God bless you.

The entire Men's Ministries board and I would like to say a big "Thank You!" to all those who attended. It was a blessed weekend. Next year, 2003, our Men's Advance will be September 12 and 13. Don't miss out!

January 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 2002 / Feb 2003			1 OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 First Friday Fast	4
5	6	7	8 Day of Prayer RDC	9	10 National Marriage Retreat - Greensboro; Hispanic Training	11 MWF Board Mtg
12	13 Evangelism Appreciation Banquets	14	15	16 Conference Board Mtg	17	18
19 Sanctity of Human Life	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 Superintendent's Advisory Council; MPM New Bern / Morehead City	22 Hispanic Leadership Team	23 Fire and ICE Gatlinburg	24	25 WM Leadership Training
26 Fire and ICE	27 World Missions Meals	28	29	30 Royal Ranger National Council	31	

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February 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 2003 / Mar 2003						1
2	3 Talent Quest Registration Deadline; World Missons Meals	4	5	6 CEM Board Mtg	7 First Friday Fast; Minister's Wives Fellowship Retreat	8
9	10 MPM Raleigh / Wilson	11 Evangelism Board Mtg	12 International Conference Costa Rica	13	14	15
16 International Conference Costa Rica	17	18	19 Rick Hurst Missions Trip	20	21 7:00 PM Greenville / Williamston Talent	22 9:00 AM Goldsboro & Clinton; Wilmington & Lumberton
23	24	25 Conference Board Mtg.	26 Rick Hurst Missions Trip	27	28 CE Convention	

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March 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CE Convention
2	3 RR Conference and District Staff Mtg Minister and Spouse Retreat - Virginia Beach	4	5	6	7 First Friday Fast 7:00 PM Morehead City / Wilmington Talent FCF Phase Training	8 9:00 AM Fayetteville / Raleigh Talent 9:00 AM Wilson / Rocky Mount Talent
9 WM Founders Day	10 Fayetteville District Conference	11 Williamston District Conference	12 Hispanic Leadership Team	13 Goldsboro District Conference	14 Ranger of the Year Competition Emmanuel College Trustees	15
16	17 Wilson District Conference	18 Clinton District Conference Conference Board Mtg	19	20 Wilmington District Conference	21 Acquire The Fire - Greensboro	22
23	24 Raleigh District Conference	25 Greenville District Conference	26 Conference Executives to Emmanuel	27	28 RR Natinal Day of Traing for New Curruculum WM Annual Retreat	29
30 The Gathering	31					

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April 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Hispanic Leadership Team	3 Morehead City District Conference	4 First Friday Fast Hispanic Training	5 Conference Talent - Drama
6	7 Happy Hearts Rocky Mount District Conference Model Church Strategy	8 Evangelism Board Mtg Lumberton District Conference	9	10 New Minister's Day	11	12 Conference Talent - Music Royal Ranger Commander Awards
13	14 Happy Hearts New Bern District Conference	15 MPM Rocky Mount / Williamston	16	17 Conference Board	18	19
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27	28	29 Cross Cultural Committee	30			

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May 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 2003 / Jun 2003				1 National Day of Prayer	2 First Friday Fast	3 Ranger Kid's Day WM Directors Council Mtg
4	5	6 CEM Board Mtg MPM Lumberton / Wilmington	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Conference Board	14	15 License National RR Canoe Expedition Examining Committee	16 Ordination	17 Girl's Ministry Retreat
18 National RR	19 Superannuate Minister's Retreat Model Church Strategy	20	21	22 Falcon Children's Home Board Mtg	23 FCF Family Trace	24
25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 MPM Goldsboro / Greenville	28	29	30	31 NC Promotional Conference

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June 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Hispanic Leadership Team	5	6 First Friday Fast	7 WM Convention
8	9	10 MPM Clinton / Fayetteville	11	12 JLTC & AJTC	13	14
15 FATHER'S DAY Youth Camp	16	17 Conference Board	18	19	20	21
22	23 Model Church Strategy Junior Youth Camp	24	25	26 JCE Canoe Trip	27	28
29 Primary Youth Camp	30	May 2003 / Jul 2003				

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July 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 First Friday Fast OFFICE CLOSED	5
		Primary Youth Camp MPM New Bern / Morehead				
6	7	8 Evangelism Board Mtg	9	10 Conference Board Mtg	11	12 Minister's Wives Fellowship Board Mtg
					Hispanic Training	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		National Camp-O-Rama - Brown Sumit				
20	21	22	23 Scholarship Candy Sales Mailed Out	24	25	26
	National Youth Quest - Chatanooga Model Church Strategy					
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		MPM Raleigh / Wilson				

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August 2003

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			Falcon Camp Meeting			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 King's Dominion Family Fun Day
Falcon Camp				Piney Grove Camp Meeting		
17	18 RR Conference and District Staff Mtg	19 Conference Board Mtg	20	21 Superintendent's Advisory Council	22	23
			Piney Grove Camp Meeting			
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Piney Grove	Model Church Strategy					
31 The Gathering						

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September 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 Wilmington District Conference	3 Hispanic Leadership Team	4 Williamston District Conference	5 First Friday Fast Fresh Fire	6
7 Girl's Ministry Day	8 Rocky Mount District Conference	9 Evangelism Board Mtg New Bern District Conference	10 Girls Ministry Week	11 Conference Board Mtg Raleigh District Conference	12 Men's Ministry Advance	13
14	15 Fayetteville District Conference Model Church Strategy	16 Morehead City District Conference	17 See You At The Pole	18 Greenville District Conference	19 Falcon Town Day	20
21	22 Goldsboro District Conference	23 Clinton District Conference	24	25	26 Royal Rangers LTA	27
28	29 Wilson District Conference	30 Lumberton District Conference				

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October 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Holmes FEAST	3 Emmanuel FEAST First Friday Fast Kidz Quest Emmanuel Trustee Mtg	4
5	6	7 MPM Rocky Mount / Williamston	8	9 PrimeTimers	10	11
12	13 Happy Hearts Royal Ranger Week National Pastor's School	14	15	16 NTC in Falcon	17	18
19 NTC in Falcon	20 Happy Hearts	21 CEM Board Mtg MPM Lumberton / Wilmington	22	23 Conference Board	24 Girl's Ministry Leadership Training Missions F.E.S.T.	25
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November 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Oct 2003 / Dec 2003				1 WIN
2	3	4	5	6	7 First Friday Fast	8 MWF Board Meeting
	GBA Meeting				Hispanic Training	
9	10	11 Evangelism Board Mtg	12	13 Conference Board	14	15 Archives Training; Nuts Bolts Youth / Children's Seminar - Charlotte
		MPM Goldsboro / Greenville				
16	17	18	19	20 Cross Cultural Mtg; World Missions Committee Mtg	21	22
		MPM Clinton / Fayetteville			FCF Fall Trace	
23	24 Children's Home Board	25 Harvest Train	26 OFFICE CLOSED 1/2 Day	27 THANKSGIVING	28	29
				OFFICE CLOSED		
30 The Gathering						

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December 2003

NC Conference Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Superannuated Ministers' Luncheon	3	4	5 First Friday Fast	6
7 Evangelist Sunday	8	9 Conference Boards Christmas Party	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Conference Board Mtg	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED 1/2 Day	24	25	26	27
			OFFICE HOLIDAYS			
28	29	30	31	Nov 2003 / Jan 2004		

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A Gift That Lasts an Eternity

Have you ever asked yourself this question, "What would be a good gift to give someone?" Some of us would say, "I know, I'll buy a toy, a video game, a radio, a TV, a bike, perfume, a diamond, etc." But think for just a moment: How long would that gift last? Will it last forever?

As God's people, we should know and learn how to give gifts that will last others an eternity. We have the greatest example in our Heavenly Father, who gave us the greatest gift anyone could ever receive, His Son, Jesus – a gift that will last and continue to produce great benefits and rewards eternally.

Here are some biblical examples of gifts God has given us that have lasted an eternity:

- God's image:
  Man created in the image of God — Gen. 1:26,27
- Fruitfulness and dominion:
  God blessed us to be fruitful and multiply, replenishing the earth and subduing it: having dominion over the things He created. — Gen. 1:28-30
- A holy covering:
  God covered the nakedness of man. — Gen. 3:21
- A gift of a rainbow:
  The covenant God made with Noah, his children, descendants, and generations. — Gen. 9:1-19
- A blessing to all the families of the earth.
  Abraham, father of many nations, father of faith; kings came out of him, generations blessed forever, an everlasting covenant. "God He is our God, and the God of our seed." — Gen. 12 – 17:1-9
- The favor of God and man.
  A gift of a coat or robe (royalty) of many colors. The Lord was with Joseph and made him prosperous. We are covered in clothes of righteousness. — Gen. 37: 3-39:2
- Deliverance and favor with the great "I am."
  God appears unto Moses as the "I am that I am." God said, "This is my memorial unto all generations." — Ex. 3:14-22
- The seed of woman.
  The adoption as sons. We now can cry "Abba Father" (Daddy God). — Gal. 4:4-7
- The gift of life through His Son, Jesus.
  We obtain life and a life of more abundance. — Jn. 10:10
- An intercessor (Jesus):
  Jesus lives to make intercession for us. — Heb. 7:25

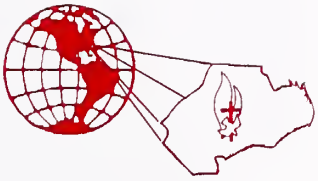
What wonderful blessings and gifts you and I have through Christ! Every day we live, we have the ability to receive eternal gifts, but also to give them. All power, authority, and wealth have been given to us by God, and we need to share them with others.

During the holiday season give someone a gift that will last an eternity. Here are some ideas.

- Give your time and share the gospel
- Pray for someone
- Be a prayer partner
- Be a covenant partner
- Bless them by visiting and sharing
- Send a card with scriptures
- Call someone, letting them know you care
- Give a Bible
- Invite them to a church service
- Leave a tract somewhere
- Give a Christian book that will help them
- Be a good listener
- Read the Bible to someone who can't read
- Spend time with someone
- Write a special poem and give it
- Share a testimony
- Write a letter and bless someone
- Help someone in need
- Declare a blessing on someone
- Give a word of exhortation
- Leave a Christian heritage for your family
- Lead by example
- Be a spiritual mentor for someone
- Pray as a family
- Be someone's spiritual mom, dad etc.
- Give a love gift

Teach your children to pray. This season give a gift that will count for eternity.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions



J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

We are now in the middle of the most celebrated, most commercialized, most secularized holiday in the year. I find it a blessed and glorious time to celebrate and rejoice in the fact that God's unspeakable gift was given to man. However, it seems as if the world focuses on bigger and bigger each year as Christmas approaches. As we pause to thank God for what He is accomplishing through Evangelism/World Missions Ministries, I pray the Holy Spirit to enable us once again to celebrate in the true spirit of the meaning of this season.

My mind is drawn to one verse in Luke 2. Verse 12 reads, ***"And this will be the sign to you; you will find the babe wrapped in swadling cloths, lying in a manager."*** Literally, this means a baby wrapped in rags and nestled in a feeding trough.

Let's think a few moments on the "little things" in the Christmas story.

One day a friend approached as Michelangelo was working on a painting. The friend became intrigued by the great painter's work and returned every day for a period of time, and every day noticing that apparently no progress was being made. So one day he asked, "Why haven't you been working on the painting?"

Michelangelo said, "I have, both night and day".

The friend replied, "Then why are there no changes?"

"I worked on the fringe of a person's robe for one whole day, then on the lobe of an ear for another, and then on the wrinkle of a face for another."

The friend replied, "Why do you spend so much time on trifles?"

Michelangelo shot back, "Trifles make perfection; perfection is no trifle."

It is extraordinary how God chose in this, one of the greatest stories of all time, a series of little incidents, little people, little places, little things, and little tasks to give us the savior of the world. Man would not call the events of Luke 2 BIG.

God used **little people**; there were many important, wealthy, noble people in Palestine; there were many scholars, educators at the universities; there were many well-known religious leaders in the land; yet the angels didn't appear to them. Their ears didn't hear, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward men." But the angels did appear to the shepherds. Great men were passed by; little men heard the heavenly choir. One of the "elite" was not chosen to carry the baby in her womb. It was not a fashionable, wealthy, or learned woman – it was Mary, a teenager, a poor girl of Nazareth. None of the important, wealthy, or noble was chosen to head the home in which Christ was reared – it was a simple, humble carpenter. This story proves one of the great truths of Scripture: God uses little people to do great works. Just a few of the notables: Moses an

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stable and with horses and donkeys as a welcoming committee. When God chooses to do something big, He uses little things. He fed 5,000 with five barley cakes and two fish; Shamgar slew 600 Philistines with an ox harness; Moses raised a shepherd's rod over the Red Sea. God doesn't need anything big; He needs only yielded, small things. You say, "I don't have much"; you don't need much. "I'm not very smart"; you don't have to be. "I'm not strong enough"; you don't have to be. When Christ was born, what a great event! Nothing was ever this big; what a tremendous transaction! The pre-existent God became flesh. Now, there's a

outcast, David a young shepherd, Gideon a nobody from Israel's smallest tribe, Naaman's unnamed house slave. Who gave the food to the 5,000? Who saw Jesus first at His resurrection? Mary. Who was responsible for starting the house church in Philippi? An unnamed jailer. The list goes on and on. So it was with the Christmas story: Mary, Joseph, Simeon, Anna, the shepherds, etc. God in His infinite wisdom chose to use small people. When God decides to shake the world, He seldom uses the big names; He has a wonderful and powerful way of impacting the world through the "no-names." God used/uses **little places**. There were places of great splendor, royalty, and elegance on that night, yet Jesus didn't come to such surroundings. He came into the world in a stable and was laid in a feeding trough. The last supper took place in a borrowed room; Pentecost came in an upstairs room; the 5,000 were fed on a hillside; the Son of God was buried in a borrowed grave; many of Paul's writings were penned in dungeons; Moses was called on the backside of the desert – when God chooses leaders, He doesn't go to Egypt's palaces but to the bullrushes at the river's edge. The angels didn't sing to Bethlehem's or Jerusalem's elite but to shepherds on a hillside. God appears in humble surroundings: shepherds in a field, three Hebrews in a furnace, to John on a desolate island (Patmos), to Peter on a rooftop. Our God uses little places: Bethlehem, a stable, a manger. God uses little people and little places. God uses **little things**. He used a feeding trough, swaddling clothes. When Jesus came, it was not to a maternity and apparently not with the aid of a midwife, but in a

way to heaven. God uses **little tasks** to spread the Word of His glory. After the shepherds came and found Jesus, they left and commenced telling people what they had experienced. Seemingly an insignificant job; however, Luke 2:17,18 says that at the testimony of the shepherds, people marveled. Jesus' life on earth was filled with seemingly small things. He could have preached a Sermon on the Mount every day. He could have settled a stormy sea every night. He could have been transfigured before multitudes every day. Yet Jesus took care of small tasks. One of the small tasks Jesus used was the washing of the disciples' feet to prove and drive home a powerful truth. Are you occupying a position or place in ministry, and you think it's too small or menial to make a difference? Do it with all your heart. The Christmas story is built around little people who were in little places, who did little tasks with little things. Now, 2,000 years later, what a powerful and eternal result! Christian faith is built around little people in little places doing little tasks with little things and doing them well. Church, let's take the message of Christmas (not covered by CNN, NBC, CBS, etc.) and continue to spill it everywhere. As Peter said to the lame man in Acts 3, "Silver and gold, I do not have, but such as I have I give to you." Little people, little places, little things, little tasks are all about getting people to Jesus. An Investment in Eternity!

I trust you and your family will have a Christ-filled Christmas. The members of the Evangelism Board of the North Carolina Conference, secretary (Joyce), and Rose and I wish the best to you.

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I hope this *Evangel* finds you in the midst of a joy-filled holiday season. As we hustle around going from holiday party, to the mall, to the refrigerator, to Grandmother's house, back to the mall, let's remember the reason for the season! I hope all of your stockings are stuffed with His love, and the joy of the Lord is abundant in your life! I hope you enjoy the following article:

"Child of Promise: A Prayer for Christmas Morning" by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

Who are you little baby? Who are you, little Christ child, lying so quietly in manger straw? Who are you that angels should herald your presence and stars announce your birth? That wise men and shepherds – the high and the low – should bow before you? Who are you, child of Bethlehem, son of David? What is your future? What is your promise?

Seven centuries before your birth the ancient Scriptures speak of you...

For to us a child is born,
To us a son is given,
And the government will be on his shoulders,
And his name will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, and
Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
There will be no end.*

What is this government? What is this peace, O Christmas baby? Are you a warrior-to-be? Are you a king? What promise do you hold?

How can you be Mighty God while flecks of straw, blown from the stable floor, dot your fine hair? How is this? How can you be the Everlasting Father while not yet an hour old? How is it?

How can you be a Wonderful Counselor before you've learned? A teacher before you've been

taught? What is the wellspring of your wisdom?

What is this mystery set before us, enigmatic newborn lying in a stable manger, born of parents poor, yet destined for this greatness? You must be the one we've hoped for, longed for all our lives. The One who set us free from our depressions and oppressions, within and without.

Little wonder angels cannot contain their Good News of Great Joy. Little wonder heavenly host sing in chorus,

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men.**

Be my peace, O Prince of Peace. Let its gentle, joyful blanket comfort my nervous soul, and still the warring of your earth.

Be my government, O Christ. Govern not my own heart only, but also this desperate world in which I live.

Be my Everlasting Father and my Counselor. By your counsel guide me out of confusion and turmoil into the sunlight that always shines above my low-lying clouds.

Welcome, Christ child. All my life I have needed you, O Child of Promise. This Christmas morning I give to you my heart. Amen.

* Isaiah 9:6-7a
** Luke 2:14

Merry Christmas

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season!

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